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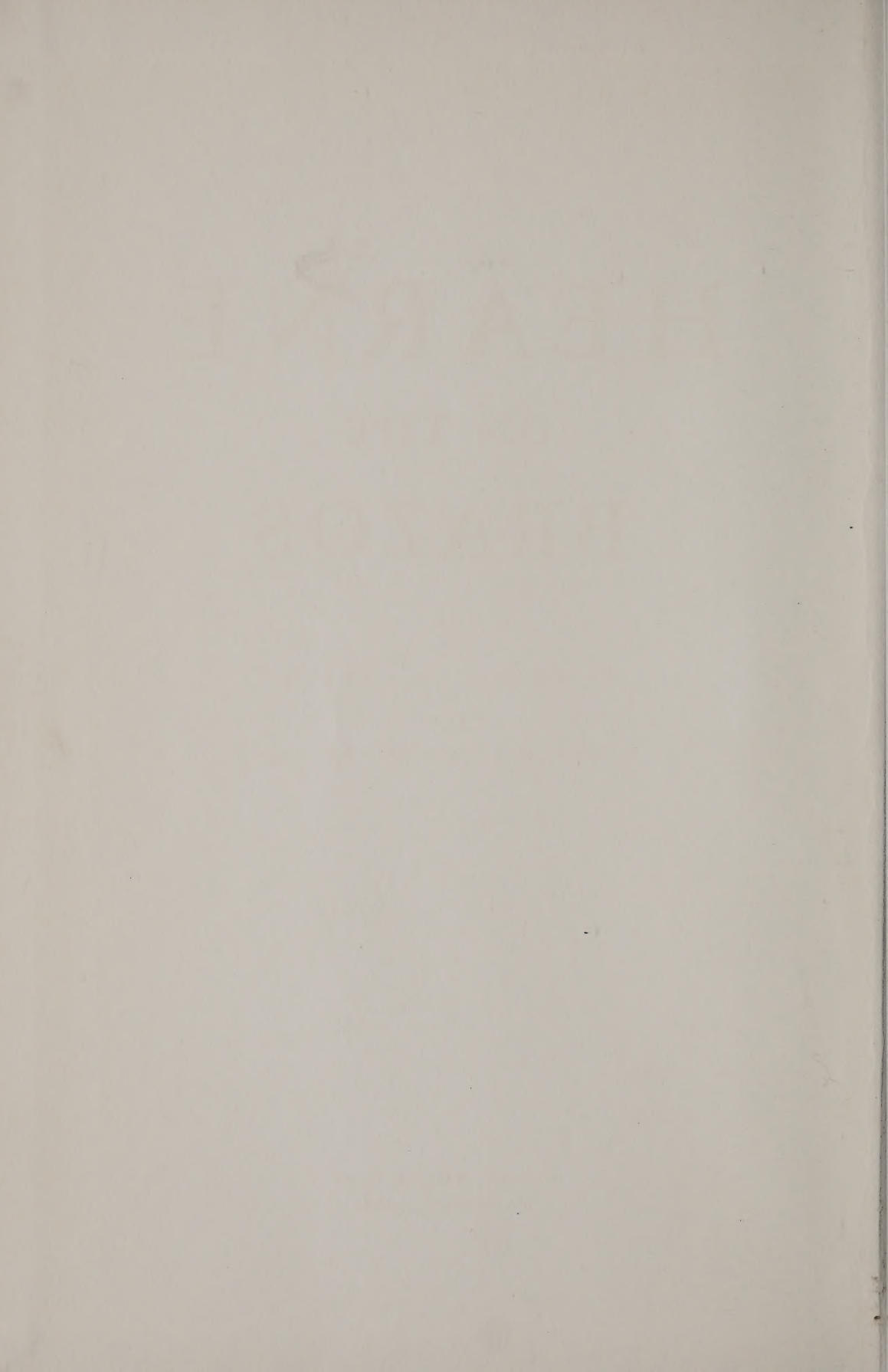
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Preface

Why write a history of Hearne?

It could be summed up with, "The planters came, the railroads came, the town came and is still going."

However, it took people to plant, people to build the railroad, and people to perpetuate the community.

This is a story about people.

People from all stations in life.

Slave, cotton-baron, merchant, lawyer, doctor, preacher, working-man. Actors in a drama that has been played but does not deserve to be forgotten: the life of a town.

People.

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Introduction

The readers of this volume are introduced to a series of advancing scenes in a drama that had its beginning in the first feeble attempts that were made in the settlement of the country and area that we call Hearne, Texas.

We will lead the reader through the past to the present and here leave him amid active and progressive men and women who are advancing toward the future. This book includes the lives of men and women now living and constitutes a connecting link between what has gone before and what is to come after. It is therefore fitting that this book should in part be dedicated to the people of Hearne both past and present.

There can be no foundation for history without biography and the matter presented herewith is largely biographical. History is a generalization of particulars. To use a paradox, history gives us but part of history. That other part which it does not give us, the part which introduces us to the thoughts, aspirations and daily life of a people, is supplied by biography.

When a good deed is performed we feel that it should be remembered forever. When a good man or woman dies, there is nothing sadder than the reflection that he or she will be forgotten. As far as we can ascertain, no record of the greater number of pioneer men and women of Hearne has been recorded for those of us who will appear on the Hearne scene later. As a great philosopher once said, "Today the man is here; tomorrow he hath disappeared. And when he is out of sight, quickly also is he out of mind. Tell me now, where are all of those doctors and masters, with whom thou was well acquainted, while they lived and flourished in learning? Now others possess their livings and perhaps do scarce ever think of them. In their lifetime they seemed something, but now they are not spoken of."

Keeping alive the spirit of our heritage is greatly aided by preserving the physical evidence of that heritage and the story of those who pioneered the land and country in and around Hearne.

One of the criticisms of the present generation is that we have failed to impress on youth the values of the past; we have failed to make them feel that they are rooted in American tradition.

The adverse effects have manifested themselves in numerous ways. For example, many young men enter the armed forces of our country and are sent abroad to battle without any understanding of why our nation needs defending or what is being defended.

We need to preserve the relics of our heritage, so that principles and concepts associated with them may provide a stimulus for the young people of today.

The men and women whose record is recorded in this book were or are deeply identified with Hearne, and the preservation of this volume in enduring form of some remembrance of them — their names, who and what they were — has been a pleasant task to us who feel a deep interest and pride in Hearne — its past history, its heroes and future destiny. This book is presented to the reader with the hope that he will find both pleasure and profit in its perusal.

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After completing his high school education he was employed in 1931 by the City of Hearne and worked in a construction gang. He later was promoted to assistant to the City Manager and in 1943 was appointed City Manager of the City of Hearne.

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The Brazos River

Across the heart of Texas winds a river that has written its name deep in legend and history. The Indians called it the Tokonohono. The Frenchman LaSalle, who later died on its banks, named it the Maligne. To the early Spanish explorers, who drank of its water after thirsty weeks at sea, it was el Rio de los Brazos de Dios — the River of the Arms of God.

Today we call this stream the Brazos River. It stretches 1210 river miles from New Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico, cutting Texas in half. It drains a water shed 640 miles long, and covers 44,600 square miles in sixty-five counties. In this watershed, a sixth of the state's area, live a sixth of the people of Texas.

This is an eccentric river. In flood stage it sweeps its precious water out to the Gulf, washing out crops and buildings on the bottom lands. But mostly, between these rampages, the Brazos winds slowly down its flat valley, a river without too much water.

The Brazos basin has always been a victim of water feast or famine. From 1891 to 1932 alone its flood waters killed 542 persons and destroyed property worth \$54 millions. Yet between its flood years there have been long stretches of drought, when farms along its banks turned brown under the sun and a boy could wade the stream.

As early as 1837, Sterling C. Robertson's colonists and other early settlers on the Brazos realized that they would remain victims of alternate flood and drought unless the river could be controlled. But it took the great floods of 1913 and 1921, which destroyed all standing crops and much wealth from Waco to the Gulf, to fire the people to action. The result, four years later, was the Conservation Amendment to the State Constitution. Now, for the first time, there was a legal means by which people in an area could band to save themselves from the ravages of water or lack of it.

It was on the banks of el Rio de los Brazos de Dios — the River of the Arms of God, the river that today we know as Big Brazos River, that Sterling C. Robertson's Colony was settled about four miles west of the present town of Hearne, Texas. The cotton and other farm crops raised in the Brazos River Bottoms control the economy of Hearne today as it did in the days of long ago.

Colonel Sterling Clack Robertson

History shows that early settlers in all of the southwest were made up of the hardy, courageous members of eastern families who wanted new and wider opportunities in the rising empire west of the Mississippi River. The trek westward over the trails in the early days was a long and weary journey, with disease, outlaw attacks, and other hardships threatening daily. It was no journey for the weak. Only the brave would attempt the migration and only the strong could hope to survive. Such sturdy manhood and womanhood made up the early pioneers of this section of Texas.

The earliest known facts concerning the town of Hearne dates back to 1830 when a stagecoach line operating from the present site of the City of Houston ran through this section to north Texas, and for the convenience of the passengers of this stage line an inn was opened by an early settler by the name of Code Brown. The inn was established at Brown Springs situated in the present city limits of Hearne on the Franklin highway and was known as Brown's Tavern.

Sterling Clack Robertson, an adventure seeking Tennessean, for whom Robertson County, Texas was named, was born in Nashville, Tennessee October 2, 1785. He received a liberal education and was reared in the occupation of planting. During the War of 1812 he served as a Major and was honorably discharged in 1814. After his military duty in the War of 1812 he engaged in agriculture in Giles County, Tennessee.

Being enterprising and adventurous and being possessed of large means, in the year of 1823 he formed a company in Nashville to explore the wild province of Texas. He penetrated as far as the Brazos River and formed a permanent camp at the mouth of Little River. All the party returned to Tennessee, however, except Robertson. He visited the settlements that had been made and while there, conceived the idea of placing a colony in Texas. Filled with enthusiasm over this plan, he went back to his home in Tennessee and purchased a contract that had been made by the Mexican government with Robert Leftwich for the settlement of 800 families. The colonial grant embraced a tract of land, and by the terms of the contract Robertson was given six years in which to introduce the 800 families. He was to receive forty leagues and forty labors of land for his services.

In 1829, at his own expense, Robertson introduced 100 families, who were driven out by the military in consequence of false representations made to the government in regard to Robertson and his colonists. The matter was finally adjusted and in the spring of 1834 the colony was restored, and in the summer of the same year he laid out the town of Sarahville DeViesca (Marlin, Texas). A land office was opened about October 1, 1834 and the settlements were rapidly made.

Robertson's Colony located in the upper Brazos country, north of the Old San Antonio Road, suffered reverses; Indians raided his settlements, the Mexican law of 1830 forced suspension of his contract and legal controversy caused delay.

In 1834, Robertson established Old Nashville, the capital of his colony, on the west bank of the Brazos River, near the mouth of Little River. Here he erected a blockhouse, maintained his office for transaction of colonial business, and incoming colonist rested and sought information for making final locations. Today only a few old gravestones mark the site of the old capital.

Robertson's wife died in Tennessee at the birth of a son, August 25, 1820. The child was given his father's name and was reared by his grandmother, Mrs. Elijah Robertson. In 1832, Robertson placed his son, Elijah, in a San Antonio Catholic School. During the year of 1835 Elijah S. C. Robertson participated in the not-unusual Indian forays, later serving as a regular soldier in his father's company during the Texas Revolution.

In the summer of 1835, Sterling C. Robertson visited Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Kentucky, making known the inducements to emigration. He had been authorized by the Mexican government to offer to settlers who were heads of families one league and one labor of land, one-fourth of a league to single men, and to foreigners marrying native Americans, one league and a quarter of land. Of the 600 families he introduced into Texas, fully one half of them were financed at Robertson's own personal expense.

Colonel Sterling C. Robertson was a delegate to the General Convention of Texas in 1836 and was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. He also was one of the signers of the Constitution of the Republic of Texas. He commanded a military company in the spring of 1836 and received therefor a donation of 640 acres of land, having participated in the Battle of San Jacinto with General Sam Houston. He was a member of the First Senate of the Congress of the Republic of Texas.

It would require a volume to recount in detail all of the experiences, the adventures, trials and escapes through which Sterling Clack Robertson passed from the time of his coming to the Texas frontier. He was a gentleman of rare culture and was esteemed, not only for the nobility of his nature, but for his commanding intellect-

uality and unselfish devotion to his country and the cause of constitutional freedom. He was a leader among the band of heroes and statesmen who laid the foundation of Texas today.

Colonel Sterling Clack Robertson died in Robertson County, Texas on March 4, 1842 at the age of 57 years and is buried in the State Cemetery at Austin, Texas.

The Hearnes

The lineage of the Hearne family, for whom Hearne, Texas was named, from the Norman Conquest to William Hearne who came to America in 1681 is rather unconnected. But, from this William Hearne, many of his descendents can be traced in a very direct line.

The name Hearne, meaning Heron, was taken from the village of Hairnu, near Rouen, Normandy. The following different spellings of the surname occur in legal papers; Hairnu, Heiron, Herou, Hear-on, Hearn and Hearne.

William Heron held a Barony in Normandy.

Tihel de Heiron was in Essex in 1086, having accompanied William The Conqueror.

Odel Heron witnessed a charter in Duram, England in 1087.

Alban de Hairnu held a Barony in Herefordshire in 1165.

Dru de Hairnu was in Yorkshire.

Jordau de Hairn lived in Yorkshire, England.

Baron William Heron was a Governor at Northumberland at the time of Henry III and lived at Bamborough Castle.

William Heron was Treasurer of the Chamber to Henry VIII.

Sir Nicholas Hearon was knighted in 1566.

Sir William Hearne was Knight of Maidenhead and High Sheriff of London in 1797.

A descendant of this Anglo-Norman family, William Hearne, left London in 1680 and traveled to Barbadoes, St. Thomas Island in the West Indies. Here he opened a large trade in general merchandise between London and the islands and later to the colonies on the coast of Maryland and Delaware. In 1681, William Hearne's two brothers, Derby and Ebenezer, joined him and the three brothers settled on the coast of Maryland, this site having been granted to James, Duke of York, and by the Duke of York to Lord Baltimore.

The Mason and Dixon Line, which was surveyed to settle the dispute between the Lord Baltimore and William Penn grant, passed through the Hearne property and left the homestead on the Delaware side of the line. As late as 1895, this site in Delaware was still known as the Old Hearne Homestead.

This first William Hearne and his wife Mary had two sons, William and Thomas. William Jr. and his wife Elizabeth had nine children. Thomas Hearne and his wife, Sally Wingate, had twelve

children. With such large families as this, using the same name over and over, cousins marrying cousins, it is almost impossible to keep the family line straight. However, one of the twelve children of Thomas Hearne and Sally Wingate Hearne, was named Nehemiah. He and his wife Betty Hearne had five children. Their two sons Joshua Hearne and William Hearne moved to North Carolina. William Hearne moved to Lowndes County, Alabama and was married to his cousin Tabitha Hearne. This William Hearne and his wife Betty Hearne were the grandparents of the first Hearnes who came to Texas.

At the commencement of the American Revolutionary War, this William Hearne of Lowndes County, Alabama enlisted and served through the entire war period. William and Tabitha Hearne had eight children.

Another William Hearne who was born in 1784 married Nancy Miles whose mother was a Lee from Virginia, a sister of Light Horse Harry Lee. Of their eight children, five moved to Texas; Ebenezer Hearne, Horatio Ransome Hearne, Roda Lee Hearne, Adeline Hearne, and Frances Hearne.

William and Tabitha Hearne's second son was named Selby Hearne and he married Elizabeth Ransome. Their son Christopher Columbus Hearne was born in Hannock County, Georgia November 25, 1814. Along with his sisters Tabitha Hearne and Priscilla Hearne, he moved to Texas. His sister Tabitha Hearne married Thomas Powell and Priscilla Hearne married her cousin Horatio Ransome Hearne.

Christopher Columbus Hearne was married to Mary Ellen Gilmer of Caddo Parish, Louisiana in August 1842. Mary Ellen Gilmer Hearne was born in Montgomery County, Alabama August 7, 1820.

In 1852, under the leadership of Christopher Columbus Hearne, the Hearnes came to this section of Texas. This group of Hearnes were decendants of the Alabama tribe and came from Lowndes County, Alabama with a stopover in Louisiana and finally settled at Wheelock, Texas, a rural community in Robertson County. Included in this group were cousins of Christopher Columbus Hearne, Horatio Ransome Hearne, Ebenezer Hearne, Roda Lee Hearne, Adeline Hearne and George Washington Hearne and his wife Frances Hearne. Other members of the Hearne family that settled in this area were: Sam Hearne, Alfred Hearne and Selby Hearne.

The Hearnes came bringing their household and farming equipment, livestock and quite a number of negro slaves. Christopher Columbus Hearne purchased land in the Wheelock vicinity and with his slaves burned brick and erected a commodious home. The authors of this book visited the old Hearne homesite in the summer of 1957 and have in their possession two bricks from the foundation of this old home. This home became the headquarters for the family while

they searched for suitable locations for permanent homesites. Another brother of Christopher Columbus Hearne, Asa Hoxie Hearne, came to Texas about this time and located on farm lands in the Red River Bottoms and was later joined there by his sister Roda Lee Hearne.

The Hearnese were considered good farmers and knew good land when they saw it. The Brazos Bottom lands were just what they were looking for. Acting by and through Christopher Columbus Hearne the Hearne family acquired a large acreage of the Francisco Ruiz Grant from the heirs of Rhody Kennedy, both parties to this land deal being fully aware of the conflict of title of the Francisco Ruiz land. In order to protect themselves in this land transaction, the Hearnese acquired this land by contract instead of deeds.

Christopher Columbus Hearne lived and died at his home in Wheelock in October of 1867, but Horatio Ransome Hearne and Ebenezer Hearne, while owning large tracts of bottom lands, built their homes in the uplands east of Little Brazos River while their sisters Adeline and Frances homes were built in the town of Hearne soon after the townsite was located. The bottom lands were largely in timber at this time and with very poor drainage. Malaria fever conditions generally prevailed and the bottom lands were considered no place for a white man to live.

Ebenezer Hearne, who died in 1860, married Minerva Walker of Alabama, and five children were born to them; William Hearne born in 1840, Mary Hearne born in 1841, Mitty Hearne born in 1846, Isophena Hearne born in 1848 and Ida Hearne born in 1861, after her father's death.

Horatio Ransome Hearne was born in Montgomery County, Alabama and married his cousin, Priscilla Hearne on January 27, 1842 at Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Several children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Ransome Hearne but only two of them lived to maturity; a daughter Betty Hearne who married George N. Aldredge and their children were George E. Aldredge born in 1883, Horatio R. Aldredge born in 1885 and Sawnie R. Aldredge born in 1890; another daughter Alabama Hearne who married Samuel J. Adams and their children were Horatio R. Adams, Samuel J. Adams Jr., and Hearne Oliver Adams.

Horatio Ransome Hearne used lumber produced from his own saw mill for the material of his home. This lumber was cut from prime cedar in the immediate territory. The home was a typical country home being a two-story structure with large bedrooms twenty feet square with high ceilings. All windows and doors were made of cedar and were built by carpenters at the bench. The studding was made from cedar sapplings squared on two sides to receive the siding and ceilings, the studs being left in their natural stage on the other two sides. Ash pins were used to fasten the studs with cedar being used throughout the house from the ten by ten square sills to the

shingles on the roof. This beautiful home was located in a grove of oak trees and all kinds of imported shrubbery was planted. Mr. Hearne attended to the yard and garden and planted all sorts of fruit trees and vegetables. He was known to be very proud of a good sweet watermelon and on many occasions cut as many as six melons before he found one to suit his taste. His wife, Priscilla Hearne, left the pigs and cows for Mr. Hearne to attend to. Her hobby was her vast flock of fowls; ducks, chickens, geese and peafowls, to say nothing of her guineas. This home was located about five miles southeast of the present town of Hearne and for many years Horatio Ransome Hearne was a regular traveler from his home to his several plantations in the Brazos Bottom. He carried his weekly payroll in the back of his buggy, and even though this was generally known, he never was relieved of the payroll by the notorious bandits of the day.

After the death of his wife Priscilla Hearne, Mr. Hearne left his beautiful home and went to live on one of his farms in the bottom lands. On this particular farm Mr. Hearne developed a natural gas supply from his artesian wells for his household use. It was also on this farm that Mr. Hearne took up the arduous task of teaching his young grandson the fine arts of farming. Horatio Ransome Hearne died a few years later, closing an eventful and pioneering life, leaving a very large estate to his family.

Ebenezer Hearne located his home in the uplands and was nearer to his farm having to cross Little Brazos River at a place that is still known as the Ebb Hearne Crossing. His home was not as pretentious as the home of Horatio Ransome Hearne. No signs of the old Ebenezer Hearne home stand today, but near the old homesite on the Little Brazos River under the protection of an iron fence is the old Hearne Cemetery where the remains of Ebenezer Hearne and his wife Minerva Walker Hearne rest and where a number of the children of Horatio Ransome Hearne and Priscilla Hearne are buried. One lone grave just outside the iron fence is the last resting place of a family slave.

William Hearne, the only son of Ebenezer and Minerva Hearne, acquired his own farm where he made his home for many years. In the early 1890's William Hearne sold his farm to his uncle Horatio Ransome Hearne and moved to Wharton County, Texas where he died soon thereafter.

Frances Hearne, who married her cousin George Washington Hearne, lived in Hearne where she and her husband owned the first hotel to be erected in the town. This hotel was located on the corner of Market and Barton Streets. George Washington Hearne was a great hunter and through this skill provided the fresh meat for his hotel. George Washington Hearne, his wife Frances Hearne, and Mrs. Hearne's sister Mrs. Adeline Hearne Lewis are buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne, Texas.

Adeline Hearne married Colonel Charles Lewis and their farm was located at what today is known as Valley Junction. This farm consisted of a thousand acres of fertile bottom land. Colonel Lewis established his home in the town of Hearne and he and his family lived in this home for many years. This home was located on the corner of Magnolia and Barton Streets. The children of Colonel and Mrs. Adeline Hearne Lewis were: Fannie Lewis, Henry Lee Lewis and Miss Willie Lewis who married Dr. Clifford Moreland of Atlanta, Georgia. Henry Lee Lewis was a very capable and active man and was a very valuable citizen of Hearne during his life. At the death of his father Colonel Charles Lewis, he took over the Lewis estate and held the property intact and cared for his mother and sisters. With farm expenses constantly mounting, he carried the burden of the four families and greatly increased the family land holdings which at his death was approximately five thousand acres of excellent farm land.

The original Hearnese probably acquired more land in this area that has ever been under one family ownership, and as they brought more and more acres under cultivation, the moving of crops and getting in supplies became a great handicap, keeping their teams on the road to and from Houston, Texas continuously. So, in 1855 when the rumor of an intended railroad from south to north Texas seemed substantial, Christopher Columbus Hearne went to Houston and told the promoters of the proposed railroad, the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, that if they would give him a shipping station anywhere between Wheelock and Port Sullivan on the Brazos River he would give them all of the land needed for the railroad right of way and a townsite. The railroad officials accepted Mr. Hearne's generous offer, stating to him that the shipping station would be located as requested and would be named Hearne, Texas. Thus the first seeds of the town of Hearne were sown.

Hearne

Hearne in theory came into existence, but nothing happened to make Hearne a reality until 1856 when the construction of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad northward from Houston began. The railroad was constructed to Millican where work was stopped by the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 and lagged there during the war and a few years thereafter.

During this time, Christopher Columbus Hearne died in 1867 and his estate became considerably involved. The several claimants of the Francisco Ruiz and Kennedy grants filed suits and other friendly suits were filed by the Hearne relatives to establish their claims. The Hearnese, you will remember, had obtained their lands by contracts and not deeds. The heirs and assigns of John R. Cunningham, who had been out of the picture since the original Francisco Ruiz purchase by Morehouse and Cunningham came to life with their valid claims and the courts were kept busy.

This was the situation when the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company finally resumed construction and the railroad reached the site of the proposed townsite of Hearne. Colonel Charles Lewis, acting with Mrs. Mary Ellen Hearne, widow of Christopher Columbus Hearne, made good the original agreement with the railroad and executed a deed to the railroad company for approximately seven hundred acres of land for the town site.

When the railroad construction actually was resumed and construction neared the proposed townsite, settlers began to locate and several business houses got in on the ground-floor to do business with the construction gangs. Charles Lewis & Son opened a general merchandise store, Adams & Leonard, sons-in-law of Horatio Ransome Hearne and Ebenezer Hearne, opened a private bank and later this firm followed the railroad into Dallas. Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson with Greenwood Brown, a local land owner, established the general store of Brown & Wilkerson. This firm was very active in business as well as in civic life in this infant community. Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson brought his young wife, the former Sara Wadsworth of Matagorda, Texas, to Hearne on the first train on the new railroad that went through to Calvert, and to this couple was later born the first white child to claim Hearne nativity, Albert Wadsworth Wilkerson.

A lack of records and the fact that those of this generation failed

to obtain information from older citizens has caused the loss of much valuable history in the case of the lands located between Sutton and Wheelock. In that section there are some old brick foundation which are supposed to be the remains of some kind of factory. During and prior to the Civil War a packery of considerable size operated a few miles south of where Hearne was to be. In this packery as many as 350 head of cattle were butchered and handled in a day. The product was pickled beef packed in barrels. There evidently was a miscarriage in the formula for this process as one large European cargo smuggled via Galveston went bad on the high seas and had to be jettisoned; this sad occasion also jettisoned the packery.

With the coming of the railroad, more farm lands were opened and industries in a small way began to come into the frontier town of Hearne. The railroad construction brought many workmen and a bit of a boom seemed on.

Practically all of the railroad workmen were Irish paddies and the Roman Catholics established a hospital here and arranged for church services for those of that faith. There were quite a few Chinese employed in the railroad construction work also. In addition to the Roman Catholic services, the other scattered denomination raised funds and built a Union Church building which was also used as a school as the small settlement grew and prospered. This Union Church building was located on the corner of Barton and Post Oak Streets and was later moved to the corner of Magnolia and Davis Streets where it is still standing and is being used as a home in 1958.

The trustees of the railroad company had inherited something hot in accepting the townsite grant as the title to the railroad land was on the same basis as were those of the Hearnese and other early land purchasers, and consequently, the trustees were involved in a long series of suits.

During the time that the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company was involved in the land suits, in 1870 another railroad company began negotiations for land grants to enter this territory. Again, Colonel Charles Lewis, acting for himself and other land owners, deeded a tract of land of about seven hundred acres to the International & Great Northern Railroad Company under conditions that the company would have trains operating over the deeded land by January 1, 1872. The acceptance of this grant involved the new company in the many title complexities of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, so the two railroads combined their legal forces for the enormous job ahead. The two railroad companies were successful in bringing about what is known as the Railroad Compromise. This compromise practically fixes all titles to that date for Hearne. Only one other obstacle presented itself. The son-in-law of Francisco Ruiz came to life and filed suit on all parties involved in

any of the Francisco Ruiz transactions. The record of this suit seems to be a general quit claim deed from Blas Herrera and wife to all parties for the sum of five hundred dollars cash. After this round in the courts, the two railroads then formed the New York and Texas Land Company exchanging deeds for their grants, but in making the survey for the addition to the Houston and Texas Central Railroad town the surveyors must have gotten off just a bit with their surveying instruments as the two surveys did not jive. On Davis Street, where the two townsites join, the north and south streets fail to meet by about fifty feet, this jog being very noticeable today.

The New York & Texas Land Company donated ten acres for Norwood Cemetery and gave each church denomination two corner lots of their own selection upon which to build church buildings.

Now that Hearne had been established and was on two major railroads, the town assumed the status of the present day oil boom. Since the new railroad, the International & Great Northern crossed the Houston & Texas Central Railroad about one mile north of the original depot and business district, these sites being located along Market Street between Barton and Anderson Streets on the west side of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, it was a matter of a short time until the new business section was at the intersection of the two railroads. The time element was working against the agreement of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company and citizens that had made land grants; so with the use of the friendly services of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company, supplies were brought into Hearne and building on the International & Great Northern Railroad, under the direction of Colonel Hoxie, was pushed both ways from Hearne and the town of Hearne was a division point between Palestine and San Antonio.

Heavy payrolls from both railroads brought in a horde of camp followers with ideas and ethics of their own, and Hearne was a roaring open town. During this period, the expression of "Hearne, Hempstead and Hell" was coined and depicts public opinion of Hearne during this era. A letter from Hearne from one business man to another in a distant city told of an incident that ran like this; "Yesterday was pay day for both railroads in Hearne and the boys whooped it up. When the sun rose this morning, there were four dead men on the streets."

Unfortunately, the pace set at this time prevailed for too many years, and the town of Hearne was considered one of the toughest in the country.

In the succeeding years the town of Hearne, with some of the scars of the past, had its ups and downs, but fortunately has been able to up the downs. The Brazos River floods seem to have washed Hearne's record white. Men like Colonel Dick White, Major Buck Watts, Captain Titus Westbrook, and the grand old gentleman Lewis

Whitfield Carr, the Astins, Ed and Alf Wilson following the lead of the Hearnese and Lewises made the Brazos Bottoms a rival of the Valley of the Nile.

The Brazos River Bottom farmers had a lot of labor troubles. They always had too many acres for too few men and this condition wrote a very serious chapter for the merchants of Hearne. In this emergency the planters contracted with the State Prison Board for negro convicts, just a few at first as a test and then later as the test proved successful most of the farmers secured this type of labor. The pay rolls for this labor went to the State Prison Department and much of the supplies came from the same source. For the first time friction arose between the Hearne merchants and the Brazos Bottom planters. Petitions went to the state officials to stop the practice of convict labor for Brazos Bottom plantations. In order to continue this practice, a prominent Brazos River Bottom planter announced and was elected to the State Legislature on the platform of more and cheaper convict labor. The contracts for convict labor were renewed for a number of years and business in the little town of Hearne suffered as a result. Finally the convict labor price was raised by the State and since most of the plantations were now cleared of wood lands and labor could not be used between crops, the situation cleared itself.

Following the era of convict labor, good times returned. After losing the convict labor more labor had to be secured from some source. Mr. Horatio Ransome Hearne came up with the answer. With one of his plantation managers, O. F. Spring, Mr. Hearne went to North Carolina and recruited a train load of negro farm laborers with their families. This plan continued for several trips, the expense being prorated among all of the planters. There was only one drawback to this plan. The plan worked fine from the Texas end of the route, but just a bit disturbing on the North Carolina end. The planters in that state were losing their farm laborers by the train load and became highly indignant about the whole scheme. Mr. Hearne personally ceased the practice when a vigilance committee walked him out of North Carolina between suns. The State of Alabama experienced this same practice until the shortage of labor was overcome in Hearne. Today, even as late as 1958, if you ask an elderly Hearne negro if he was born in Texas he no doubt will tell you, "Naw Sir, Mr. Hearne fetched me out of Nawth Carolina."

Much credit for the steady development of Hearne in its early days is due to its splendid pioneer leaders of that time.

A former prominent Hearne citizen, now deceased, after being born in Hearne and living in Hearne for eighty-two years, made the following remark; "Hearne is a good town in which to live and work, a good town to retire in, and not a bad place in which to die."

The Hearne and Brazos Valley Railroad

During the year of 1890, there was plenty of Negro labor in the Brazos Bottom and with very large acreage under cultivation heavy crops were produced. The cotton and plantation supplies had to be dragged over frequently impassable roads which presented another serious problem and situation to the cotton planters.

On the occasion of this farm crisis, the merchants and planters of Hearne were seeing eye to eye, and with the best from each group the condition was overcome. In 1891 the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad was built from Hearne through the Brazos Bottom to Stone City in Brazos County. This railroad was about 16 miles in length. The group of merchants headed by H. B. Easterwood, R. A. Allen and John Sailors paid cash for their stock which created a fund for the purchase of rails, ties and bridge materials. The planters paid for their stock with right of way grants and grading with their mule teams and labor.

To avoid the expense of constructing a bridge over Little Brazos River, a deal was made with the International & Great Northern Railroad Company for the use of their bridge and tracks over Little Brazos River as well as for the use of their freight cars. This was good business for the International & Great Northern Railroad Company as this railroad received tonnage from the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad. The Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad purchased and owned outright one engine, "The T. C. Westbrook," one passenger coach and one caboose. This short line railroad was jokingly referred to as the "Nigger Pacific." On Saturday mornings when the train from the Bottom would bring in the plantation hands to trade in Hearne, practically the entire passenger list was Negroes.

A dispatcher's office was constructed where the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad connected with the International & Great Northern Railroad near Little Brazos River. The conductor of the H. & B. V. Railroad was required to be a dispatcher so that he could clear the I. & G. R. Railroad when a H. & B. V. train was on the I. & G. N. bridge and tracks. The right of way for the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad was located on Brown Street where this street enters Hearne.

The Hearne and Brazos Valley Railroad was a success from the very start and being locally owned was operated on the accommodation basis, stopping at every turn row, transacting all kinds of busi-

ness, bringing out pay roll money and ice to those along the line. An old story tells about the time the H. & B. V. Railroad's daily train was speeding along the line when the engineer noticed a horse back rider coming toward the train at break-neck speed wildly waving his hands to attract the attention of the train crew. The engineer thinking that some emergency existed in which the rider wished to advise him brought the train to an abrupt stop. When the rider approached the engine he handed the engineer a letter to some mail order house asking the engineer if he would mail the letter for him since he was going in to Hearne any way. The engineer, although quite a bit put out, took the letter and mailed it for the rider.

From the first day that the H. & B. V. Railroad operated, a white face was a pass on the trains of this line, but this had to cease when the Railroad Commission by accident found out there was a Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad.

"Captain Jack" (J. W. Mathews) served as the first conductor on the "Jack" and W. D. "Baldy" Terry was the first engineer. Frank Foster and Aron "Bud" Frisby were the colored brakemen who served this railroad. Captain Titus C. Westbrook was the first president of the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad Company. This railroad served its purpose well for about 10 years and did much to develop the lower Brazos Bottom in and around Steele's Store in Brazos County. Fortunately for the owners, the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company took a fancy to this little railroad and bought it at a very fancy price. The sale of this railroad to the H. & T. C. Railroad Company took place about 1900, and soon after this transaction, the H. & B. V. Railroad roundhouse located between the present city hall site and the South Texas Cotton Oil Mill, burned and the company's lone engine was badly damaged. The big rain of 1899 badly damaged the road bed of the H. & B. V. Railroad and after the purchase of the railroad by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company this line was rebuilt and today is known as the Dalsa connecting Dallas and San Antonio over the Southern Pacific Lines.

International & Great Northern Railroad

During the time that the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company was involved in land suits, in 1870 another railroad company began negotiations for land grants to enter the Hearne territory.

At this time, Colonel Charles Lewis, acting for himself and other land owners, deeded a tract of land of about 700 acres to the International & Great Northern Railroad Company under conditions that the company would have trains operating over the deeded land by January 1, 1872. The acceptance of this land grant involved the new railroad company in many title complexities of the H. & T. C. Railroad, so the two railroad companies combined their legal forces for the enormous job ahead. The two railroad companies were successful in bringing about what is known as the Railroad Compromise. There was one other obstacle that presented itself. The son-in-law of Francisco Ruiz came to life and filed suit on all parties involved in any of the Francisco Ruiz transactions and this of course involved the I. & G. N. Railroad Company. The record of this suit seems to be a general quit claim deed from Blas Herrera and wife to all parties for the sum of \$500.00 cash. After this round in the courts, the two railroads then formed a New York & Texas Land Company exchanging deeds for their grants.

Since the I. & G. N. Railroad crossed the H. & T. C. Railroad about one mile north of the first town site and depot on the H. & T. C. Railroad, it was a matter of a short time until the new business district was at the intersection of the two railroads.

The time element was working against the agreement of the I. & G. N. Railroad Company citizens that had made the land grants, so with the use of the friendly services of the H. & T. C. Railroad Company, supplies were brought into Hearne and building on the I. & G. N. Railroad was pushed both ways from Hearne with Hearne serving as a division point between Palestine and San Antonio.

By February 1, 1872 the I. & G. N. Railroad was completed through Hearne and was opened as far as Keechi, 65 miles east of Hearne. Daily connections were made with the trains of the H. & T. C. Railroad at Hearne for Englewood Station, Lake Marquez, Jewett, and Keechi with Johnsons and Mitchells Stage for Palestine and all points in northeast Texas.

The I. & G. N. Railroad today is a section of the great Missouri Pacific Lines.

The Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company

The Houston & Texas Central Railroad is known throughout Texas and the whole United States as the pioneer railroad of Texas. It was founded by men who took part in the early development of the state, and they gave to the location of this great line the results of their knowledge of its agricultural capacities, and the lay of the land affecting the movement of products toward the proposed line.

They planted this railroad at the head of the tidewater on Buffalo Bayou, as the city whose name is linked in song and story with that immortal day at San Jacinto, when the Lone Star State of Texas rose resplendent over the ever glorious field of San Jacinto — Houston, Texas .

Here where the flow of the Gulf of Mexico rests against the alluvial deposits from the great prairies on the divide between the Brazos and the San Jacinto Rivers, was started, in 1853, the great railroad which, in every stage of development of Texas, since its first fifty miles was built, has demonstrated the wisdom of its route and its hold on the business of the State. It has the open sea at its base of operations, and the goodly land of Texas on each side to give it sustenance. The Trinity River lies about 60 miles to the eastward, and the Colorado River lies about 100 miles to the westward. It commands the rich lands of the Brazos for about 160 miles, and thence almost due North to Denison, making a total distance from Houston of 338 miles. As it leaves the waters of the Brazos, the Trinity, which has been on a line almost parallel to the east, now bears westward, and the road is soon among its tributaries. Then, touching the main stream at Dallas, it continues through a region thus watered, until it reaches the tributaries of the Red River, near its terminal point. These contiguous water courses give the drainage and moisture that insure growth and constant sustenance to the crops. The bottoms of the rivers and creeks are subject to occasional overflows, have rich alluvial land, while the uplands of prairie and timber have a great depth of fertile soil, varying according to the peculiar features of the region, its elevation and geophysical formation. The trade of the prosperous cities on its line from Houston to Denison, and its close connections with Galveston,

have made the cross lines, which have been built by other interests, feeders to an extent which more than overcomes competition.

At Austin the Houston & Texas Central connects with one of the new lines working harmoniously with its system. This line penetrates the great county of Williamson, and thence through Burnet and Llano counties to its present terminus among the Granite Hills, from whence have come the thousands of tons of rock for Galveston jetties.

The lines of the H. & T. C. Railroad cover the richest agricultural region of Texas, embracing the timbered and rolling prairie region 100 to 700 feet above the Gulf, resting upon the "Timber Belt" beds of sandstone and limestone, which already are quarried to a considerable extent. The soils are red clay, red sand or mulatto, just as they are underlaid by sands or clays respectively. On many of the uplands there is a gray sandy soil, grading down into a red sub-soil, which is especially adapted to the growth of fruit. This whole area from Houston to the Red River will compare favorably with any region of the world in its combination of rich soil.

The controlling interest of this great railroad is now in the hands of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and although under separate management, it is operated in harmony with the great Southern Pacific system of railways and steamships.

Since the H. & T. C. Railroad was completed in 1876, a number of new and important lines have been constructed, affecting, in part, the territory from which main business comes, yet, its advantageous position continues to assert itself. It carries to the tide water annually a great amount of the cotton crop of Texas.

The traveler can not really see Texas without journeying over the line of the H. & T. C. Railroad. Galveston is but 50 miles distant upon the Gulf. Houston, Austin, Plano, McKinney, Corsicana, Ennis, Dallas, Sherman, Denison, Waxahachie, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Hearne are directly on its lines. On every side, as its trains course through the land, are to be seen fields heavy with the reward of the farmer; town after town evidences the thrift and progress that has followed its construction and sustains its fortunes.

In all probability, the promise held by the prolific soil of this Brazos Valley section, was one of the magnets which drew northward an industry and institution which has contributed as much as agriculture to the growth and development of Hearne. This institution is the Southern Pacific Railroad, still known affectionately by thousands of people in the Hearne area as the Old Houston & Texas Central or better as the old H. & T. C.

Where Hearne now stands was only a nameless spot on the unmapped and uncharted prairies of Central Texas when the Houston & Texas Central Railroad was chartered on May 11, 1848. The early Texas pioneers, among them such well known personages as William

Baker, William H. Rice, Cornelius Ennis, William J. Hutchins, A. S. Ruthven, B. A. Shepherd, Francis Moore and Paul Bremond, knew not of Hearne when they began the gigantic venture of building a railroad from Houston to Red River City (Denison) back in 1853. It was on January 1, 1853 that actual construction of the line which was to traverse a distance of 345 miles, began at Houston, Texas with a solemn ceremony held at about the point where the Southern Pacific passenger depot now stands.

While these men whose industry and enterprise have played so important a part in the history of all Texas, and particularly that section through which their pioneer railroad was built, may not have known Hearne as a point along their projected route, they were fully aware of the productivity of the soils of this section, and they doubtless knew that from them would eventually come much of the cargo to sustain their new railroad company and help justify the millions of dollars they must spend to complete their dream.

Like all other early day enterprises the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company had been chartered through and to areas which bore promise of one kind or another and it was the promise of the soils of this section which proved a magnet to draw the H. & T. C. Railroad through what was later to become Hearne, Texas.

The way of the H. & T. C. Railroad, even from the inception of its construction northward from Houston, like that of almost all early day railroads, was not an easy one. It was filled with trials and tribulations to its builders, standing out among whom was Paul Bremond, who until his dying day, never lost faith in Texas.

Hardly had the line started in 1853 than its construction was halted. The contractor in charge found, upon investigation, that his bid was too low, and he deserted the project. A brief delay was occasioned until another contractor could be found. But another difficulty then arose. Funds which had been pledged for construction of the line were exhausted and here again work was stopped.

However, Paul Bremond was equal to the occasion. A man of dignity and one whose life's history could bear investigation, he approached not only the contractor but the men working on the job, and gave them his personal guarantee that the money would be forthcoming. So implicit was the faith these men had in Paul Bremond that the work was resumed, and history reveals that on no other occasion did it cease when funds ran low, with pay days sometimes being skipped by often as long as three or four months, and only provisions furnished to keep the hundreds of men working. These were always furnished by Paul Bremond, the man who had an enduring faith in his fellowman and always justified it by sticking staunchly to his promises and commitments.

It required five years to construct the Houston & Texas Central Railroad from Houston to Hempstead. Not all of this was occasioned

by lack of money. More often than not it was brought by the inability to obtain steel via steamer up Buffalo Bayou to Houston, to where it had been shipped from Belgium, or heavy rains which made train operation slow and sometime perilous.

By 1860 the H. & T. C. Railroad had been completed as far northward as Millican and the year following, because of the disturbed condition of national finances resulting from the Civil War the road was declared bankrupt. In the spring of 1862 its assets were sold at Sheriff's Sale, being bid in by D. H. Paige and W. J. Hutchins for a few cents on the dollar, and a brave effort was made to carry the project forward.

However, the H. & T. C. Railroad rested at Millican until the close of the Civil War, for money with which to pay the costs could not be obtained, and it was not until 1867 that it finally reached Bryan. A year later, in 1868, it had reached Hearne and in 1872 was completed to Dallas, then the recognized commercial center of the Texas domain.

It was with the establishment of Hearne that the men who built the H. & T. C. Railroad first recognized the strategic location of the new Texas town, as was born out by their later decisions. They saw in Hearne an important point on their projected railroad and as the years progressed gave further recognition to this town by investing heavily in funds in the construction of necessary facilities with which to carry on their operations.

The Hearne & Brazos Railroad, a line projected in 1891 from Hearne through Glass and Stone City in the general direction of San Antonio, and financed by independent capital, was taken over by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company in 1901. In 1911 an agreement was entered into by the H. & T. C. Railroad with the old San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad whereby entrance would be gained to San Antonio over its right-of-way and a short line route afforded from Dallas to San Antonio, a dream which inspired the beginning of this line by its original builders. This line today, known as the Dalsa, is one of the most important links in the great Southern Pacific trans-continental route because it represents the short-cut from the St. Louis Gateway via the Cotton Belt, now a Southern Pacific subsidiary, to Corsicana, thence over the tracks of the H. & T. C. Railroad to Hearne and on to San Antonio, where connection is made with the main line to the Pacific coast.

Pacific Fruit Express Company

It is through the Pacific Fruit Express Company that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company is provided with refrigerator car equipment for the heavy and fast movement of fresh fruit and vegetables to markets; special equipment for heater service also is provided.

At the time the company was organized by the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific in 1906 the relatively small tonnage of perishables moving to eastern markets was handled by a limited number of cars owned by private interests. Pacific Fruit Express started its operation with 6000 refrigerated cars. (By mid-1955 it had nearly 39,000 refrigerator cars in service. Included were 337 mechanically operated "super-giant" refrigerator cars designed to serve the frozen food industry. Starting in 1951 mechanical icing machines were being installed progressively at a number of major terminals — Hearne, Texas was included in this installation.

Cars of the Pacific Fruit Express Company operate over most railroad lines in the nation, also in Mexico and Canada. Icing platforms, icing plants, and car shops are located in 15 states. More than 465,000 carloads of perishables were handled by PFE in the peak year of 1946. In 1954 the total was almost 400,000 cars.

The Pacific Fruit Express Company began operations in Hearne in 1929 when a 45 car icing platform was constructed. The operation of this platform during the peak season requires the services of 30 workmen. An average of ten to twelve thousand cars are iced at the Hearne platform annually.

Phillip J. Haas has served the Pacific Fruit Express Company as Agent for the Hearne icing platform since 1929. The company has recently placed an order for a thousand new mechanical refrigerator cars which will bring the total to 1800 mechanical refrigerated cars on the system.

Cotton Mill Operated Near Hearne by Confederate Government

The Confederate Government organized and operated near Hearne, Texas the first cotton manufacturing plant established in the state, and much merchandise was sold to foreign countries through Mexico.

About five miles east of the depot of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad in Hearne is an old historical landmark in what is now known as the old Easterwood pasture; between Hearne and Wheelock. It marks the foundations of the first and probably the only cotton factory ever established by the Confederate Government.

The plant was erected in 1863. Under the instructions from the War Department, General J. B. Magruder transferred First Lieutenant Charles P. Salter from the firing line to the quartermaster's department, to rank as Captain, with orders to proceed at once to erect and put into operation a cotton and woolen factory and flour mill at the above location near Hearne. This location was supposed to have been on the survey of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad.

In 1863 the H. & T. C. Railroad was in operation and passenger trains were running from Houston to Millican, twenty miles south of Bryan and forty miles south of Hearne.

The first step in the building of the factory was in a financial direction. It was necessary to get money out of cotton. Fortunately, for the purpose of the Government, there was plenty of cotton then available in and around Hearne.

After consulting leading planters from Falls County to the Brazos County line, Captain Salter decided to organize a joint stock company with these planters and the Confederate States Government participating.

For every bale of cotton subscribed for stock in the company, the planters were to receive a government permit entitling them to export or sell one bale of cotton through a neutral port. All of the ports of the Southern Confederacy were then closed by the Federal blockade. It was decided that Matamoros, Mexico was the most available port for the export of cotton. The plan was executed. Cotton was to be hauled to Matamoros on ox wagons with eight to ten bales loaded on each wagon.

In that day and time it was a great undertaking to haul more than 1000 bales of cotton a distance of 650 miles, and it took an ox wagon five months to make a round trip. Moreover, it was necessary to protect the wagons from border bandits and deserters as these thieves had captured several shipments of cotton near the border and getting the cotton into Mexico, had sold it. "Uncle Dick" Boswell of Hearne, serving in the Confederate Army, accompanied these ox wagons with his troops for protection.

The government permits for exportation were attractive as they carried government guarantee of protection.

On account of the blockade of the southern ports by the Federal Navy, there was a world famine of cotton and the price of cotton went to \$1.00 a pound in gold. Therefore the cotton subscription of the planters gave the Brazos Manufacturing Company organized by the Confederate Government over half a million dollars in cash for operation.

The Brazos Manufacturing Company bought very fine machinery in Europe and the machinery was hauled from Matamoros on the returning wagon trains. These wagons also brought back coffee, calico, shoes, and other items; such as silk dresses, lace, kid shoes and calf-skin boots.

The site known as the Factory Place in later years was a big trading center. For the construction of the plant, Captain Salter employed every tenth slave on several plantations near Hearne to burn thousands of bricks and open a rock quarry nearby. French Buhr stone bought in Paris, France was used for the flour mill. About \$2,000.00 in gold was paid for table leaves.

After the war the mill was dismantled and the brick, lumber and machinery hauled away. It is interesting to note the names of the men subscribing cotton to the Brazos Manufacturing Company:

Dr. B. F. Hammond	100 bales
The Talbots	100 bales
Captain Charles P. Slater	100 bales
Aaron Woods	50 bales
Judge Robert Calvert	100 bales
William Burnett	50 bales
J. E. Herndon	100 bales
T. S. Hanna	50 bales
C. O. Barton	100 bales
Thomas Anderson	100 bales
William Anderson	100 bales
Horatio R. Hearne	100 bales
Charles Lewis	100 bales
Volney Cavitt	50 bales
Christopher Columbus Hearne	50 bales

Folklore of Hearne

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In the mind of the average non-Texan, our State appears as a vast made-to-order set for a Western movie, strategically spotted with gushing oil wells and loudmouthed millionaire ranchers. The more enlightened foreigner allows that along the Louisiana line there is a thin strip of piney woods — and more oil wells. Consequently, it would seem that Texas' folklore should consist almost entirely of definitely "western" things. However, one should not forget that the Old South laps over deep into Texas; to the middle and lower Brazos Valley and beyond, creating a region and a people neither western nor southern in character, yet as rich in folklore as any part of the south or west.

And in a small section of the country straddling the rolling postoak belt and the Brazos Bottom we take up the narrative.

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"Hearne?" asked the conductor, looking at the tickets the Georgian handed him. The young man and his bride of two weeks nodded. "Hearne, Hempstead, and Hell," drawled the conductor. "Hearne, Hempstead, and Hell."

The year was 1897 and the couple my maternal grandparents. Hearne had been a member of that triumvirate for over twenty years and Robertson County had been dubbed "Booger County" for considerably longer than that because of the "boogers" it produced. A contemporary of the decade told me, "When I first come to Hearne, it weren't nothin but a water well with a ring o' saloons around it." Hearne then boasted of not a few saloons, an opera house, and a lively minority of churches.

Hearne was named for Christopher Columbus Hearne, but an old saw has it that the townsite was originally owned by a man and his wife who got a divorce and employed a semi-literate surveyor to divide the real estate. This was done and on the map the man marked the ex-husbands' half HIS'N and the ex-wife's half HER'N.

The first building on the site of Hearne was a tavern erected in 1838 by Code Brown which served as a stopover on a stageline coming up from Houston and turning off northwest to Port Sullivan on the Brazos. At Brown's Tavern all wise travellers put their cash

in their boots, for a few miles ahead was the Deadline. This tortuous range of wooded hills above the River lowlands was a favorite spot of road agents for stopping the stagecoach in hope of catching well-heeled landbuyers aboard.

With the advent of the Civil War, Robertson County sent four companies which became part of the 4th Texas Regiment, which in turn was integrated into Hood's Texas Brigade. Of the former, General Hood said, "I could double-quick the 4th Texas to the gates of hell and never break their line." But when Lee rode away from Appomattox, only twelve men remained of Company C, Robertson County's ninety-five. The frequency with which "Killed at Gettysburg" or "Lost a leg at Malvern Hill" appears after the names in the musters of the other three companies is illustrative of one county's share in the national tragedy.

Reconstruction, the apprenticeship period of such Texas triggermen as John Wesley Hardin and Bill Longley, settled upon the southern states.

"We was set free in '63, but we wasn't turned loose til June-teenth," said Aunt Dicey Anderson, a former slave who lived in a part of Hearne known as Old Freedman's Town.

The Ku Klux Klan grew by leaps and bounds in Robertson County, this being the only way a white southerner could combat the dictatorial measures of Radical Republican government and the swarm of politicians who came south. In this long and bitter period, it was not so much the misguided Negro, pushed into army-backed leadership, who deserved to be "elevated, ventilated, and cremated," but the parasitic carpetbagger who exploited the freedmen for their own gain. The Negro paid for the wrongs of the Northern Politicians and homegrown quislings.

In 1868 the H. & T. C. Railroad pushed its rails north from Millican and Hearne was established as a railhead. The result was a wide-open aggregation of tent saloons, gambling joints, and other businesses set up by the camp followers who trailed the construction gangs. A townsite was laid out and a stable business and residential section quickly evolved, but Hearne's wildness, instead of quieting, was soon augmented by the juncture of the I. & G. N. Railroad with the H. & T. C. Railroad a mile north of the new business district, which promptly shifted. The new road brought in more money, more people, and hell was in session south of Sandy Creek. Most of the workers being Irish, payday resulted in a celebration fit to commemorate the sinking of England into the North Sea.

Hearne's first Reconstruction incident occurred when a Negro State Policeman (under E. J. Davis' Carpetbag Government, the Texas Rangers had been replaced with the State Police) was sent to police the new town. When he got off the train he was sent word to come to a certain saloon, and as he came into the bar-room he was

shot and killed, and a Hearne citizen took to the woods until the official investigation was over. Another incident tells of an unknown horseman who broke up a Freedman's Election by riding into the building where the polling was being held and stampeded the crowd.

In spite of this, the last vestiges of Reconstruction were not swept away until 1896.

When, in 1870, a Methodist minister came to this Babylon-on-the-Crossroads, he was forced for lack of a church to preach in the upstairs room of Lambert's Saloon. The publican gave him permission to use the room, but refused to discontinue his Sunday morning business during the services. So the clergyman preached to the accompaniment of clinks, dice-rattles, and curses from below and the saloon band's secular blaring vied with the hymns.

The railroad gangs moved on. The boomtown era was over, but law and order there was still very little. The residents of the town were more refined than the wild Irish preferring pistols to fists, and if two gentlemen had a falling out no one took it amiss if they stepped into the street to settle it. It becomes apparent to the student of early times that many of the gunfights that have come down to us were instances of cold-blooded, and often cowardly murders. The prevailing rule in East Texas appeared to be that if one had made known his intention of killing someone he was free to do it in any manner he saw fit, success or failure depending on the other fellow's luck or gun skill.

The shotgun in the window was used about as much as the quick draw in the street. But Southern chivalry still lived, if feebly. Once B. W. (Bev) Beckham told me he was coming up Magnolia Street and saw Dr. C. W. Duncan, a prominent dentist standing on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets (Boyd's Drugstore corner) staring across at a man on the opposite corner who held a shotgun. "Son," said the dentist looking down at the boy, "you see that gentleman across the street? Well, you better get inside, because he's trying to make up his mind to shoot me and when he does, I'm going to give him the first shot and then cut him down." Fortunately, the other man decided not to use the shotgun and Hearne was spared a killing that day. The dentist, by the way, sometimes whiled away dull days by taking target practice from his upstairs office window at marks in the street.

In 1885 there occurred a killing that had a couple of comic sidelights. The city marshal was slain in the street under ambiguous circumstances by a shotgun wielder and at the inquest an old doctor who had examined the twenty-one buckshot holes in the deceased used the term "professionally speaking" so excessively in his testimony, that a young lawyer asked sarcastically, "Will you tell the court, sir, what you mean by 'professionally speaking'?" The old doctor held a finger under the barrister's nose and coolly replied, "Pro-

fessionally speaking, sir, I could ram my hand down your throat to the wrist, but socially I wouldn't do it." When the victim was buried and the killer acquitted on the grounds that the deceased had "wanted his blood," his family had a long epitaph placed on his headstone ending with ASSASSINATED. Shortly after, the stone was found to have been the subject of some nocturnal chiseling, leaving the epitaph concluded with the first three letters of "assassinated." The family called it even and today a long erasure may be seen in place of the assertion. It was one of those cases whose only solid and undisputable fact is that a man was killed.

Dr. Bassett of Hearne carried a scalpel-sharp penknife which he could open with prestidigital speed. One night he dropped by I. D. Hall's Saloon for a drink before walking home, carrying a lantern as did many pedestrians in Hearne's streetlightless days. He set the lantern on the floor and was about to imbibe when a boisterous inebriate announced that he was going to kick the lantern out the door. "Don't do that, friend," said Dr. Bassett softly. The man insisted. "Please don't do that," reiterated Dr. Bassett. There was a shivering of glass and the lantern banged against the wall and a yell as Dr. Bassett's little penknife opened a gaping wound in the kicker's throat. "Now, friend," said Dr. Bassett, "if you'll step over to my office, I'll sew you up." And he did.

Once, however, Dr. Bassett chose the six-shooter over the pen knife and emerged unscathed from a gun battle in which Dr. Offutt was mortally wounded and Judge O. D. Cannon received an injury that came near totally incapacitating him. We have not been able to learn just who was shooting at whom.

By 1895, reconstruction was a dead issue in Texas, but Robertson County still had several Negro officeholders kept in power by scalawag-directed bloc voting of the Negroes. When the county election of 1896 came up, an almost concerted effort of the towns restored white supremacy. In Franklin, the county seat, the Negro sheriff was quietly deposed before the election and forty men with Winchesters were placed at the polling places to turn away all but Southern Democrats. County Judge O. D. Cannon of Hearne, who killed four men during his term of office, guarded the ballot box with a six-shooter. At Hearne a large crowd of marching voters from the Brazos Bottom accompanied by a brass band were met by an armed delegation at Little Brazos Bridge. The band's instruments were consigned to the river and the voters were sent home. Such was the end of reconstruction in Robertson County.

Since its founding, Hearne has been a railroad town. A structure that long will be remembered by the old "hogheads" was the Red Onion House, so called because of its dingy red color which resisted railroad smoke, weather, and re-painting until it was torn down in this writer's time. It was a railroadman's hotel of the old type,

having a sign reading, "BEDS . . . TWO BITS. CLEAN BEDS . . . THIRTY FIVE CENTS. The proprietor of the place was noted for his ferocious temper and high whining voice. One day a group of railroadmen at the yard office heard several shots up the tracks and a yell. Then a man shot past them like the Midnight Express, pursued by the master of the Red Onion who was firing a pistol wildly and shouting, "Git on your h-a-n-d-s and k-n-e-e-s and c-rr-awll, boys! I'm shooting w-a-i-s-t high!" It was later learned that the Master of the Red Onion House gave this warning as he did not want to injure any of the railroadmen as he took shots at his intended victim. The man made his escape at the end of the yards and the yard office men picked themselves up off the ground.

Perhaps Hearne reached the zenith of its wild era when a report was circulated around the state that the Hearne newspaper ran a box score comparing the number of local killings for the week with that of Hempstead.

If folklore was made up solely of recollections of violence, Hearne and its vicinity would have a wealth of it on the strength of this alone. But there are other tales to tell.

The legend of Eb Hearne's cotton money has sent many a treasure hunter into the hills east of Little Brazos below Hearne. After receiving payment in gold for his 1859 crop, a very large amount, presumably, considering the Hearne family's vast holdings in the Bottom, he learned that the theft of the money was being planned by certain parties and buried it in the woods behind his house. Shortly afterwards, he died of heart failure, of course without revealing the gold's whereabouts. The last time I visited the old Hearne family cemetery, which is near the site of the house, the present owner of the land told me that he was frequently plagued with offers from all parts of the state to share the gold if a search would be allowed. But, if the legend is not just an inherited product of imagination, the secret of the gold could only be revealed by the dust in the crumbling brick tomb under the hackberry trees. An oft-quoted Mexican proverb says; "Los muertos no hablan" (the dead don't talk.)

Another local engima is the location of the train robbers' loot. The dug-over area is in the postoak country east of Hearne where a gang of bandits allegedly buried a much guessed-at sum under a hickory tree. I turned a spade a bit myself with the nephew of the land's owner some years ago and found myself, after several sessions in the woods on hot summer afternoons when the poastoak sandhills seem to be separated from the infernal regions by about two feet of clay, doubting not only that legend, but all such legends whatsoever. Legend has a way of clouding facts as well as preserving them, so I was greatly surprised when I learned from a newspaper article that in 1880 a train was robbed of \$1,000 in silver south of Hearne, not a fabulous amount, but enough to keep the "electronic money finder"

that was unsuccessfully employed out there from totally wasting its energy.

When cotton was king, Hearne business literally shared the ups and downs of the Brazos Bottom planter. A good cotton crop meant debts paid in town and general prosperity, whereas in the words of an old-timer, "a bad one inched us all nearer the poorhouse." A well-known ballad which is said to have originated in the Bottom describes such a calamity:

"Den de boll-weevil got half de cotton
And de bankah got de rest.
Didn't leave nothing fuh de fahmah's wife
But one ol' cotton dress."

From the day of the negro slave to that of the bracero, labor has been a problem in the Brazos Bottom. In the nineties the planters seemingly solved everything by hiring Negro convicts from the state at fifty cents a head per day, but nearly bankrupted Hearne business with the decrease of the day laborer and sharecropper trade. Horatio R. "Rasche" Hearne, a prominent planter, went to North Carolina and imported labor to the Bottom to such an extent that a local vigilance committee marched him out of the Tarheel State at gunpoint.

Hoffman's Store in the business district of Hearne got a considerable Negro trade. Once a Negro woman came in and said "Mistah Hoffman, I wants you to 'vise me. I'se fixin to git married with one o' dese railroad Chinamens (the I. & G. N. Railroad had quite a number of coolies in their section gangs) and I wants to know if Niggahs and Chinamens gits married, will dey chilluns be Jews?" Mr. Hoffman, a Jew himself, told the story for many years afterward.

Big Brazos River had a habit in its undammed days of rising and meeting Little Brazos River, which parallels it, and coming toward Hearne. On such occasions, the Bottom was totally evacuated. Many planters owned vacant lots in Hearne where they kept their valuable mules when the Bottom was flooded, much to the consternation of neighboring householders. An old-time overseer once told me of his driving a buggy and team of mules across the Little Brazos railroad bridge to escape the advancing flood waters after the road bridge had been washed away. A common feature of the plantation houses was a hole bored in the floor in the corners of the rooms to prevent waters from standing after the river had gone down. Though over-flows were common, they rarely took many lives or totally ruined many plantations due to the precautions of the planters. "Dat man, he's gotta lotta sense in da toppa his head," said an Italian farmer after a good bit of his property had been washed off in the direction of the Gulf of Mexico thanks to his not taking the advice of an ex-

perienced neighbor. Italian immigrants were later to virtually inherit the Bottom after the decline and fall of the old regime.

Lit Porter was a small, wiry Negro, black as Stygian darkness. Although no giant, he was second only to the dread "Axe Man" in the opinion of many of the hands on the Will Astin plantation in this century's opening decade. When a Negro of the "threes and fours" class (sharecropper) headed for parts unknown before bringing in his crop or leaving a commissary debt, Lit was called in and instructed to "Go git him—alive." However, the story got around among the shanties that Lit was sent to "take it out in trade," meaning to dispose of the defaulter if he couldn't bring him in. Lit passed to his reward at an advanced age and to the end there were those of his race in Hearne and the Brazos Bottom, who, to quote a Negro saying, "would druther run thoo' hell in cotton drawers than to mess with Lit Porter."

The economic policy of the planter toward the sharecropper sometimes appeared to the latter to be "Ougt's ought and figger's a figger. All fuh de white man and none fuh de nigger."

The old-time planter and his world are now gone from Hearne's end of the Bottom. A single generation lost the gains of the past through hard luck, changing times, and the lack of their forebears' energy and moral strength. I have had many a long conversation on the subject with an ex-overseer. "You know Jones?" said the old gentleman as we sat before his fireplace on a raw November day, "Well, his old daddy was up and out in the field 'fore daybreak, but I heard Jones swore one time he was gonna git up and see the sun come up—and it made him so sick he swore he'd never do it again." He chuckled at a fifty-year old joke. "And when I was on the Smith place, it weren's nothin for me to hear some morning that Hubert had lost a hunnerd acres in a game the night before. And he was owing the bank all the time. That bunch just didn't have it."

They didn't have it. And so when the great flood of 1921 receded, something had been borne away under its muddy waters that would never return to the Bottom.

Hearne survived the transition and in the succeeding years came to depend less on the whims of nature and cotton for its economy, continued to keep up with the times, and today is thoroughly modern. But the past is ever with us; we have not yet reached that point of progressiveness that hoots when an old fellow says, "I recollect back when—" "Hearne, Hempstead and Hell" is still a common term around here. An age without some salt of the past tends to be rather insipid, in my opinion.

Folklore is not always history. It is frequently just those things that people have seen fit to preserve through the years because of their native flavor. Yes, the past is ever with us and imagination is stimulated by it.

An old Colt 45, long-barrelled, light-triggered, and lethal, lies before me as I write. A relic of Hearne's rowdy youth, did it ride at the side of a brave man? Or drop from dying fingers into a muddy street? At the witching hour when man's reason is numbed by sleep, does a phantom stagecoach rattle down from the hills of the Deadline into the mist-hung lowlands? Does the ghost of Eb Hearne hover above his lost gold? Do the giant cottonwoods standing about the site of a vanished plantation house speak of the past to the river breeze? Do spectral gangs of Old Micks, hammer in hand, plod down the moonlit tracks? One disbelieves yet wonders.

EX-SLAVE STRONG HOOD 1848-1956

It was quite an occasion for ex-slave Strong Hood and his daughter Clarysey when a steady stream of relatives and well-wishers made their way to the small frame home in Dallas, Texas in keeping with an annual custom of observing Strong Hood's birthday (his 107th), in October 1955.

The ex-slave who "fathered three families" and still had a broad grin and twinkling eyes had little trouble reminiscing about the years that he had seen come and go.

As friends and relatives sat around to hear Strong's stories of the past, he was assisted in remembering his favorite stories by his daughter Clarysey who reminded; "You remember when you told Momma you were going fishing and sho nuf, you didn't?" Momma, as Clarysey pointed out, was Strong's third wife. Momma was just a young girl of 16 years when she first met Strong. On his rounds of seeing the country as a hobo, he came to Momma's house in Alabama. Strong had hit the road since his second wife had passed away. When Clarysey's mother invited Strong into their home and offered him a free meal, he got his first glimpse of Momma and before long, they were married and came to Texas to make their home.

Strong Hood was born a slave on a plantation near Town Creek, Alabama and was sold when he was only a lad to a plantation owner in Tennessee and was taken to that state to work. He ran away from his new owner as he was unwilling to work for anyone except his original owner. He swam the Tennessee River and made his way back to his old Master's plantation. The end of the Civil War was near at hand and so he was not returned to his purchaser.

The saddest day in Strong Hood's life was when his old Master passed away, and putting it in Strong's own words, "The old Master's son who took over his father's holdings at his death was not a 'ligious' man so I quit farming for him and left the plantation." Strong obtained his name of Hood from his old Master by that name. This was customary for practically all slaves after the day of freedom.

With his third wife, Strong Hood came to Texas. The family settled in the Brazos Bottom area near Hearne, Texas and there were

employed as tenant farmers. Ten children were born to this couple. To put it in Clarysey's own words, "Poppa was pressing 70 when his youngest child was born."

In his church, Strong served as a Deacon for many years. When asked about his health, Strong's daughter Clarysey would reply, "He didn't do so well when he first left the Hearne Brazos Bottom country and came to live with me in Dallas, but milk saved his life. Milk has been a doctor to him."

Strong loved to travel and he loved chicken and cornbread. When asked what he attributed his long life to he replied, "I just 'tend to my own bizness and let the white folks business alone."

Strong Hood stuttered when he talked and old timers like to tell the following story concerning Strong delivering a verbal message. Strong was asked to take a message to town and the person that requested this of him also stuttered. In delivering the message Strong began, "I c-c-came to t-t-t-tell you w-w-w-what T-t-t-t-tote s-s-s-said. He w-w-would h-h-have t-t-told you h-h-hiself b-b-but h-h-he d-d-don't t-t-talk s-s-so g-g-good."

Strong Hood, ex-slave, passed to his reward in August 1956 at the age of 108 years, ending the life of a typical Negro slave that was brought to the Hearne Brazos Bottom to work in the cotton fields.

Old Railroad Stories

SIXTY-ONE YEARS AGO SHE RULED THE RAILS

(Houston Press February 11, 1931)

Back in a little used shed in the Southern Pacific roundhouse on Houston Avenue, where the grass is green underfoot and a tomb-like silence sets it apart from the rest of the noisy yards, rest the veteran of all H. & T. C. Railroad locomotives — the Buffalo.

Sixty-one years ago, 1870, L. E. Shruptrine, dead since 1921, climbed to her shiny cab and pulled her out of the shed for her first day's work as a switch engine in the Houston yards.

The years have left their mark in the great flakes of rust that hang from her battered sides and she is ugly with old age and decade after decade of hard punishment from work, but the old timers can't pass her by without a pat and a reminiscent word or two.

W. J. Bleakney, assistant round house foreman, might have been talking of an old friend as he sketched bits of her history as he had known it for 40 years of railroading in and around Houston.

"They took her off the rails in 1926," he said, "and there were a lot of the older boys who felt just as we feel when they pension a veteran employee who has been one of us until old age makes him unable to go any further.

I'm here at the roundhouse most of the time and it's funny how many times you'll run up on a bunch of gray-headed veterans sitting about her and spinning yarns of the days that were, before heavier, more up-to-date rolling stock pushed the Buffalo and her like off the rails."

Mr. Bleakney pointed out where she differs from the powerful switch engines the Southern Pacific uses today.

"All her weight is carried on the four driving wheels," he said, "and she had plenty of power in her in the old days. There used to be a sayin about the yards, 'If old Shrup and Buffalo can't move it, it can't be moved.'

"She was remodelled a number of times to fit changing conditions. When she first went into use she burned wood. Then they outfitted her for coal and she wound up with the little oil tank that's on her now."

"That funny little headlight box used to hold a plain kerosene lamp. The railroad officials were mighty proud when they installed

one of the new-fangled carbide lights and the old girl herself must have felt like strutting when they put the first electric light globe on her."

"But, pshaw, I could talk all day and not tell you as much about her as O. D. Shruptrine can. He's the son of her first engineer."

Mr. Shruptrine himself a grizzled veteran, who retired after 20 years as an engineer, broke into a broad grin with the first question.

"Do I know the Buffalo? Why I was weaned in her cab and I grew up to think that she was a little better than most of the human beings in the world. My dad loved that engine like it was his own child and never tired of telling us all about her.

"She was brought up Buffalo Bayou on a boat and assembled in Houston in 1870. Dad was the first man to open her throttle and he spent most of the next 30 years bumping around in that little cab of hers."

The Buffalo never had a wreck so long as father was in her cab, Mr. Shruptrine said.

"After my father quit railroading some engineer got her off the track and about half the railroad was required to get her back on again. That was one Fourth of July and some of the boys had to give up their holiday to get the Buffalo running again.

"She didn't have many cranky spells but when she did she was a holy terror. It sort of seemed to me that she missed Dad as she poked her way about the yards." Mr. Shruptrine Sr. took no chance with the Buffalo, his son said.

"I remember a standing joke about the yard used to be that Dad pulled up behind two ladies, stopped the Buffalo and politely asked them to get off the track."

When the Southern Pacific discards engines they generally are shunted off to a corner of the yards to await dismantling that will put them on the scrap heap with the rest of the rolling stock that has been crowded aside by constant mechanical improvements.

Somehow, for no reason that anyone ever has given, the order to scrap the Buffalo never has come down through the general offices. Maybe somebody forgot, but one gets the impression that there are a few veteran officials who don't want to see her go on the dump.

Anyway, she rests in a quiet little shed where the roar of the roundhouse can't disturb her dreams of her first engineer and the days when they were the best railroading pair in the Houston yards. She probably will be there until there are no more grayheads to gather about her rickety frame and spin yarns of the days that were.

HE KNEW THE "BUFFALO"

John Luke, pensioned engineer of Hearne, Texas, at one time was the engineer on the Buffalo.

Mr. Luke said that the Buffalo did her part of the work and was always in condition to do it well. She knew her business and responded to every demand. "I ran the little engine in the fall of 1894, when every yard of the line was full of cotton and every available warehouse was utilized for storage. I helped fill the old Houston Heights mattress factory with cotton and the Buffalo pulled the cars. I hate to learn the little engine is to be put in the scrap pile, for I put in many happy years in her cab."

Houston Daily Times, December 6, 1869 — Nearly 150 laborers came up on the last train of the G. H. & H. Railroad, enroute to Bryan, last night, to work on the extension of the Central Railroad. They (the laborers) are from New Orleans as most of the hands employed on the extension are. It is very strange that the Central road can not get hands in Texas where so many whites are loafing. The railroad also has to send to New Orleans for Negroes, as they can not hire them in the state although every city and village is overrun with them. We saw an attempt made to get a gang in Houston several weeks ago but it ignominiously failed. If there was a rigid enforcement of the vagrant laws throughout the state the Central road would not be compelled to send out of the state to employ hands, and there would be a great decrease of robberies everywhere in the state.

Houston Daily Times, January 3, 1869 — The passenger train on the H. & T. C. Railroad did not arrive until five o'clock yesterday. We learn that freight will go through Bryan, Texas today.

Houston Daily Times, March 24, 1869 — The trains will run to Hearne Station on the Houston & Texas Central Railroad tolay.

Houston Daily Times, September 27, 1868 — The Central Railroad Company has announced themselves ready to bargain with contractors for the immediate extension of the road 85 miles above Bryan, Texas. There is no doubt that the work will be speedily let out. The company is abundantly supplied with funds, and it is highly probable that the extension will be pushed far enough by Spring to be very materially felt in the spring trade. The completion of the 85 miles will take the road to the southern limit of the great wheat growing region. The management of the railroad found little difficulty in obtaining almost unlimited credit among Northern capitalists, even in the somewhat unpromising aspects of political affairs. This is due to the splendid country through which the extension will pass along with the masterful administration of the railroad's business affairs. There is not much danger that the work will be permitted to rest hereafter until the railroad has been extended to the Red River.

On January 1, 1853, Paul Bremond and T. W. House broke the first dirt to begin the construction of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad in Houston, Texas. On December 25, 1871, Eugene Bremond drove the last spike in the rail which completed the connection

between Austin and Houston. On December 27, 1871, Paul Bremond rode the first train through from Houston to Austin.

Houston Daily Times, February 19, 1868 — Large numbers of laborers continue to move in daily for the extension of the H. & T. C. Railroad northward from Bryan to Hearne. The work is being pushed forward as rapidly as the conditions of the road will permit.

Houston Daily Times — Should the good weather continue, The Houston & Texas Central Railroad will be completed to Hearne Station, twenty miles north of Bryan, by the first of April, 1868.

CHANGING THE GAUGE OF THE H. & T. C. RAILROAD HEARNE TO CORSICANA

October 26, 1874

In telling the story of the change of gauge on the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, it will be necessary first to understand how things were of old concerning railroad facilities and operation to appreciate the magnitude of the undertaking, and the splendor of its achievement.

In 1874, the management of the H. & T. C. Railroad was divided into divisions with the Northern Division extending from Denison to Hearne, a distance of 218 miles. From Hearne to Houston was the Southern Division and from Hempstead to Austin was the Western Division. From Denison to Corsicana, a distance of 127 miles, all of the track on the H. & T. C. Railroad was standard gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches. This was the standard gauge of all first class railroads in the United States. All of the track on this railroad from Corsicana to Hearne and on to Houston was of the old gauge — five feet six inches, commonly known as broad gauge.

It was, of course, desirable that all tracks should be of uniform gauge in order to eliminate the necessity of transfer of freight and passenger loads from the narrow gauge to the broad gauge or standard gauge. By standardizing the gauge over the entire system much delay could be avoided and economy effected.

At Corsicana and Hearne both passenger trains and freight trains had to be transferred. The I. & G. N. Railroad, which intersected the H. & T. C. Railroad at Hearne, was of standard gauge, so its freight had to be transferred to broad gauge and back again to the standard gauge at Corsicana. Freight from Waco had to be handled at Bremond. The distance from Hearne to Corsicana is 90 miles. By making this stretch of track conform to the standard, the handling mentioned is saved and all of the rolling stock which was worked on it is relieved and becomes serviceable between Hearne and Houston. This gave the advantage of 300 additional freight cars and reduced the labor to be performed by broad gauge cars by the amount of 90 miles, being more than one-third of the distance from Houston to Corsicana. This

relief was of the greatest importance to Galveston and Houston merchants. On up country freight all delay was saved.

Mr. George Haswell, passenger and freight manager for the H. & T. C. Railroad in Houston was of the opinion that after this gauge change was made, he could put through even in the busiest season without delay every pound of freight that Galveston could sell to Northern Texas. To further facilitate this desirable end, Assistant Superintendent Burton, who was in charge of the Southern Division which extended from Hearne to Houston and also the Western Division which extended from Hempstead to Austin, had constructed an acre or two of platforms in Hearne. On one side of the platforms was broad gauge tracks and on the other the narrow gauge. Very many other improvements had been made which were very costly to the railroad. In addition to these facilities there was a large round-house with a capacity of ten locomotives, a turntable, shops and other buildings. This required another large expenditure of money and was constructed under the supervision of Messrs. Burton and Haswell, H. & T. C. Railroad officials.

Up to this time in 1874, there had been but one other simultaneous change of gauge in the United States before this; this change being the tracks on the H. & T. C. Railroad between Corsicana and Denison and which had been changed under the direction of M. G. Gary, Assistant Superintendent of the Northern Division, and Chief Engineer Howe.

The railroad officials that planned and achieved this great undertaking worked under the wise saying of David Crockett, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." To change a railroad gauge, the engineer in charge must get a great deal ready before the actual start. First, the gauge was aligned and the inside spike of the rail driven in its place for the whole distance between Hearne and Corsicana. Then all switches and turn-outs had to be attended to.

When all of this preliminary work and details had been attended to, the roadmasters assembled all of their section foremen and section hands. (Section hands were called Snipes in those days). Job assignments were given out as follows: the work from Corsicana to Mexia was under the direction of Roadmaster Manly; from Mexia to Groesbeck under Roadmaster Spalding; from Groesbeck to Kosse under Roadmaster Ingraham; from Kosse to Bremond under Roadmaster Bryan; from Bremond to Calvert under Roadmaster Grimes; and from Calvert to Hearne under the Hearne Yardmaster. There were 13 men assigned to each gang, and each gang had four miles to cover.

At daylight on Sunday morning October 27, 1874 the work began; the spikes were drawn, the iron placed into its new gauge, the outside spikes driven, and the work was done. At one o'clock this same date, a train left Hearne for Corsicana and passed over the

changed gauge without interruption until it reached Bremond. Here Roadmaster Grimes met the train with the doleful information that one of the gangs had, despite all his vigilance, smuggled a jug of whiskey. Their four miles were untouched, while the men lay in the woods along the right of way in a happy state of drunkenness. Up to this time all had gone smoothly, there had been no break. Chief Engineer Howe was aboard the train and he issued crisp orders for the work to continue. So at it they went — Roadmaster Bryan ahead and the Superintendent with them. This gang worked into the dark for the rest of the night finishing the work that the whiskey jug had interrupted. The train was brought in to Corsicana with music playing at daybreak the following morning.

Like all great achievements changing gauge is simple in the description, and possibly some of the readers of this will feel competent to change any railroad gauge. But there are one thousand details, not one of which can be overlooked, or the whole enterprise would miscarry. The achievement was one that the H. & T. C. Railroad officials and employees may be proud of.

If Sunday October 27, 1874 could have been described as a busy day in Hearne for the H. & T. C. Railroad officials and employees, Monday October 28, 1874 could be described as busier. All of the machinery for the transferring of freight and passenger cars was brought to Hearne and erected. This labor alone required a force of several hundred men to be concentrated in Hearne. The machinery for lifting a sleeping car from one set of trucks and transferring it to another had all been erected in Hearne, and is worthy of description because of its simplicity. When a train arrives, the sleeper is dropped, a new locomotive seizes her, runs her on a broad gauge track with a third rail inside; four stirrups are clamped to their places, and she is lifted a few inches, one set of trucks run out and another run in, and she is put down very softly. The bolts are dropped in their places and the work is done. The job did not require but a few minutes, and passengers were not aware that the transfer had been made. The same process changes all through freight cars.

Grain from Kansas could now come through Hearne without breaking the seal on a car door from the time it left until it was at Galveston's door, and so with other through freight, whether bound North or South. This change of gauge made Hearne the most important station outside of Galveston and was very instrumental in the growth of the city during this period as a great number of employees were required to handle the railroad's business. \$30,000.00 was the total cost of changing this 90 miles.

An observer of Hearne in 1874 made the following remarks concerning Hearne's growth, "I observe that Hearne is improving rapidly, and that the improvements are substantial. The old adage which says, 'Give the devil his due' is worthy of observance, and I do it to say

that I find the depot, hotel and eating saloon, in the hands of a well known Galvestonian, Mr. Dan Sargent, and that his is a brilliant exception to the rule which pronounces the railroad restaurants of Texas execrable. I find that Mr. Sargent's house is as clean as a Quaker kitchen, his fare excellent, and the servants respectful and prompt. If some of the hash-house keepers that I have encountered were to come here and board for a week, he might learn how to feed travelers so that doctors and dyspepsia would not follow them to their graves."

HEARNE TO HOUSTON

July 29, 1876

The officials of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company decided to change the gauge of the 120 miles of its main line from Hearne to Houston from its then present gauge of five feet six inches to the standard gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches. The remainder of the main line was already of the standard gauge. The Western Division, from Hempstead to Austin, 115 miles, would still be of the wide gauge, and would be the only line of that gauge remaining in Texas. It was the intention of the H. & T. C. Railroad to change that line also but not until the remaining wide gauge engines of the company were worn out. Arrangements were made to make the change in the main line from Hearne to Houston at a time when this same work was in progress on the Galveston, Houston & Harrisburg Railroad.

The work preparatory to the change was begun on Section Number One, this section being the nearest section to Houston. Work was begun on driving spikes into every alternate tie, the spikes resembling a black line a few inches inside the rail on the east side of the track.

Further preparation for the change in gauge from Hearne to Houston was the remodelling of the majority of the engines of the Central to suit the new track. The total number of engines remodeled was 67. This process could be seen any day at the Houston shops of the H. & T. C. Railroad, and included the shortening of the axles and the general "closing in" of the machinery of the locomotives. The cost of adapting an engine to the new order of things amounted to \$300.00 approximately. At the car works of the Central Railroad in Houston could also be seen the process of changing the trucks of cars to fit the new four feet eight and one-half inches of the new gauge. By a new and improved piece of machinery, the axle was shortened and again adjusted to the wheels. The remodeled trucks for four cars were shipped to Hearne daily. In Hearne the trucks were adjusted. Daily as many trucks were received in Houston from Hearne to undergo "closing in" at the Houston shops. The cost of adapting to the standard gauge was \$22.00 per car, and the majority

of all the cars belonging to the H. & T. C. Railroad Company, some 450 in number, were changed.

The plan for the changing of the gauge from Hearne to Houston, a distance of 120 miles, called for the completion of the entire job within 24 hours from the commencement of the undertaking. It was planned for this work to begin on Saturday and was to interfere as little as possible.

M. G. Howe, Chief Engineer and J. A. Denny, Assistant Engineer, made a trip over the road from Houston to Hearne on July 28, 1876 to see to the distribution of forces and to personally superintend the great undertaking. This project was planned to be under the direction of the engineering department with the transportation department cooperating. Mr. Howe gave personal attention to the 70 miles of track between Hearne and Hempstead and Mr. Denny exercised authority over the forces from Hempstead to Houston, a distance of 50 miles.

The plan of distribution of forces, appointment of tools, and general orders as to the *modus operandi* were carried out. A train load of workers came over from the Western Division to Hempstead and were distributed south between Hempstead and Thompson's Switch, thirty three miles south of Hempstead.

The following interesting facts will show the extent of this great undertaking. Total length of main line track to be changed, 120 miles; side tracks length about 11 miles; a total of 131 miles. For this work, a total of 680 men were required. These workers were divided into gangs averaging 15 men including the foreman. Two of these gangs were put at each of the company's section houses, the foremen having previously been supplied with the following tools and materials: proper quantity of lining bars, spike-mauls, crow-bars, gauges, cold chisels, wrenches, water kegs, and with a printed circular containing instructions. The orders were explicit, and told the foreman of each gang exactly what to do on commencing work and were signed by Chief Engineer Howe. Below these orders was an additional order signed by C. A. Burton, Assistant Superintendent, stating that the last train over the broad gauge would go through Hearne to Houston Friday night July 28, 1876 with a green light on the rear end of the train and whistle thrice at section houses and stopping at stations. By order of the Chief Engineer, the gangs were so disposed of as to work one north from a fixed point and another south from the same point until the gangs met. This plan was pursued all along the route. The distribution of forces placed 30 men to every six miles, the distance to each man being about one-fifth mile.

The last train over the broad gauge arrived at Hempstead at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 1876, southbound from Hearne. Far into the night of Friday, July 28, 1876, the management of the H. & T. C. Railroad worked, and the increasing click of the telegraph operator's

key at whatever station the management put in an appearance on the special trains, gave evidence of the birth of new developments, fresh emergencies to be met.

The laborers turned in early Friday night July 28, 1876. Their part was to come the next day. Six weeks of preparation for the change in the gauge had been going on. The rolling stock had gradually been fitted under the direction of General Superintendent J. Durand — the inside row of spikes had been driven.

On the gray dawn of July 29, 1876, the great feat of changing the gauge of the H. & T. C. Railroad from Hearne to Houston began. The clanking of iron, the heavy, hearty stroke of mauls, the clink of the track gauge hastily dropped, the barking out of instructions in railroad lingo from the foremen, resounded for 120 miles up and down the old H. & T. C. Railroad from Hearne to Houston as over 600 sturdy railroaders began heaving iron. Now and then a keen report told that the old cold chisel was on duty. Not a moment was lost. Each gang's ration for the day had been prepared the previous day. Narrow gauge hand and push cars had been distributed along the road at commencing points, one for each gang. Just as soon as there was space enough of narrowed tracks for the cars, they were launched by the workmen. In these cars were stored extra tools and kegs.

As soon as there was enough space of the new gauge track finished, construction trains previously prepared, moved on. One of these trains at Hearne was in charge of S. A. Quinlan and was to move south; one at Hempstead in charge of Mr. Prunell to go north until it met the Hearne train. Another train at Hempstead in charge of J. A. Denny went south and one at Houston in charge of C. A. Burton went north until it met Denny's train. These trains, as they advanced, picked up the gangs and put them to work to assist other gangs wherever they were behind. Thus the work was accelerated. The first train from Hempstead to Houston over the new gauge arrived at 8 p.m. with about 80 men picked up in transit as gaps were closed. This train passed on a mile and one-half south of Hempstead to work toward the up-bound train which was north of Gum Island. When this train arrived, it was learned that there were gaps to be closed above Hempstead. By 11:30 p.m. the forces at Hempstead closed the gaps and completed the new gauge between Hempstead and Houston. Above Hempstead, the work stopped for the night at a very late hour and was resumed early Sunday morning, with a few gaps to close.

The express train south, from Hearne to Houston, due in Houston at 2 a.m. Sunday July 30, 1876 left Hearne behind time and advanced as it could and arrived in Houston in the forenoon Sunday.

The heat was excessive all along the line during the work in daylight, and several of the workers were overcome from the heat. Above

Hempstead, the workers suffered from the heat worse than those below Hempstead on account of the close post oak timber in places. A few cases of partial sunstroke occurred.

Roadmasters James Brien, Ingraham, Grimes, Spalding, Manly, and Shelby of the gravel train, with their practical knowledge of track-laying, rendered most valuable assistance in the mechanical work of this project.

\$55,000.00 was the reported cost of the entire project of changing the gauge of track on the H. & T. C. Railroad from Hearne to Houston.

When the job of changing the gauge from Hearne to Houston was completed, the necessity of breaking bulk at Hearne passed away forever, and cars laden on the wharves at Galveston and directly beside the ships at sea, could now go through to Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, or any railroad point in the New West, without trouble or interruption. The change in gauge resulted in a great saving of time and expense as the transfer of trucks for the railroad cars was eliminated. But the greatest advantage was the fact that the H. & T. C. Railroad could now bring through (a word of all words in the railroad vocabulary) all cars for Houston of Northern connections. Even though by skill and expensive arrangements the H. & T. C. Railroad had been transferring full trains in five to twelve minutes at Hearne, the changing of the gauge to standard dimensions was of greater benefit to the railroad in keeping the trains rolling.

On the first train that left Hearne over the new gauge track for Houston, rode a very proud Chief Engineer, Mr. Howe. He spoke in highest terms of the good spirit shown by the workmen and foremen, stating that the workmen developed almost superhuman endurance under trying circumstances that were encountered in this great project. No accident of any kind occurred, and trains could now travel the new gauge both ways with fair speed.

Considering these facts, too much credit can not be accorded M. G. Howe, Chief Engineer of the H. & T. C. Railroad and Colonel H. M. Hoxie, General Manager of the G. H. & H. Railroad who respectively planned and superintended this the greatest railroad feat ever accomplished in Texas.

Hearne, Texas, 1874 — A ten-stall brick roundhouse and division machine shops were installed in Hearne in 1874 by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company and with a monthly payroll of \$3,000.00 employed from thirty to forty men.

LOCOMOTIVE STOLEN IN HEARNE MAY 20, 1876

A strange occurrence took place here tonight. The northbound freight train on the I. & G. N. Railroad, after finishing work in the yard, pulled up above a crossing at the Junction House, and the

train men were all at supper when some unknown party took the engine and four cars and left.

The engine was followed by the engineer afoot, who found the engine two and a half miles north. The steam was shut off with 90 pounds of pressure. It was supposed that this was done to injure the company.

Hearne, December, 1876 — The I. & G. N. Railroad Company had again made Hearne the end of a division, and it was reported that the company would again re-open their roundhouse here, which had been closed since the shops were moved to Palestine.

HEARNE & BRAZOS VALLEY RAILROAD VS. A JERSEY BULL

W. D. "Baldy" Terry was the engineer on the H. & B. V. Railroad mixed train that made two round trips daily from Hearne to Stone City. Dr. Kirksey, a local doctor, owned a herd of dairy cows and pastured them in the south section of Hearne near the main line of the H. & B. V. Railroad. Among this herd of cows was a very large and obstinate Jersey Bull that chose to graze near the railroad track.

Nearly everyday as the train passed the pasture the bull would be grazing on the tracks and the train would have to stop and one of the trainmen run him off the track. The bull would lower his head and bellow at the engine.

One day the bull was on the track and "Baldy" Terry thought it would be a good idea to "bump" him a little with the engine. The bull became enraged and charged the engine and suffered an injured leg for which the owner sought damages from the railroad.

TRAIN WRECK AT MUD CREEK IN 1904

During the summer of 1904, an H. & T. C. Railroad freight train was running between Ennis and Hearne, southbound to Hearne. Bud Lipscomb was the engineer. As the train approached Mud Creek bridge about five miles north of Hearne, the engineer saw what he thought was a large rock or object on the bridge and applied the air brakes. As the engine approached with brakes locked, it quit the rails and ploughed down the embankment into Mud Creek and was completely submerged. Bud Lipscomb and the fireman swam out of the creek, unharmed, to safety. The head brakeman was riding on top of a box car several cars back from the engine and as the car he was on left the tracks, he was thrown into some telephone wires that paralleled the railroad tracks. Old railroaders say that the brakeman was so scared that he hit the ground running and was never seen thereafter as he kept running.

It was quite a task to raise the engine and several cars from Mud Creek. During this work, which lasted several days, someone stole the bell from the engine. It was reported that this bell was

heard (by those who knew) on a farm in Robertson County for many years.

TRAIN WRECK NEAR HEARNE, 2 KILLED

On April 29, 1905, a wreck occurred on the H. & T. C. Railroad a mile and a quarter south of Hearne Station. The wreck was caused by a washout. The locomotive was thrown from the track and 12 cars wrecked. Engineer Harry Canterbury and brakeman R. L. Gordon also riding in the engine were killed. Fireman Joe Shellshear jumped but was seriously injured. The body of brakeman Gordon was pinioned with the back of his head, right arm and foot showing. Canterbury was caught under the locomotive and his body was not found until the engine was lifted. Wrecking crews worked half of Saturday night, all day Sunday and until 3 a.m. Monday in locating bodies of victims.

WRECK AT COLLEGE STATION

On February 1, 1913, an H. & T. C. Railroad passenger train was derailed at College Station, Texas. Engineer and firemen were killed and four others injured.

TRAIN WRECK AT BENCHLEY, TEXAS

On July 27, 1917, a northbound passenger train went into the ditch at Benchley, Texas. Fireman Frank G. Riggs, 32, of Houston was killed. The wreck was presumably caused by a sun kink in the rail. The engine turned over, plunged down the embankment and landed in a nearby field. Baggage and express cars turned over and one coach derailed. Expressman W. G. Reed and Baggage-master G. W. Brown were injured. No passengers were injured.

ENGINE FIRE NEAR HEARNE

On January 24, 1918, an extra Houston & Texas Central Railroad freight train, consisting of only an engine and caboose, was lumbering toward Hearne from Houston. About six miles out of Hearne something went wrong and flames leaped from the locomotive firebox. The caboose caught fire and the two enginemen and the three trainmen in the caboose were in danger of being burned to death. Engineer J. A. Hulsey crawled out of the cab onto the running board where he set an air brake valve. As the train slowed down all five members of the train crew leaped to safety and extinguished their smoldering clothes. The crewless train, the brakes not fully set, moved onward. A yard switching crew in Hearne saw the flaming oncoming engine and caboose and moved out to meet it. Otho Matthews and Lynn Oliver of Hearne were members of this switch engine crew. At a proper distance the switch engine was reversed and finally coupled onto the freight engine. It and the caboose were hauled under the water tank at Hearne and the fire extinguished. The engine was not badly damaged but the caboose was burned to its trucks.

Engineer Hulsey burned his hands; fireman R. H. Daily had one hand and both feet scorched; conductor E. B. Montgomery had his hands and face burned. Brakeman O. T. Neal and H. C. Carlton both suffered face and hand burns.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK OF THE "OWL"

On February 1, 1913, John W. Latchford, engineer on Train No. 17, the "Owl" was trying to make up lost time when the fast passenger train derailed and ditched one mile north of Benchley, killing the engineer and the fireman B. I. Durham. Both trainmen were at their posts when the accident occurred and were pinned beneath the wreckage when the engine, baggage car, and one coach went into the ditch.

The bodies of the dead engineer and fireman were removed from the debris under a day coach near the engine. They apparently died instantly when the engine turned over. The engine was No. 256 formerly operated on the main line between Houston and New Orleans.

E. S. Crocker of Hearne and W. H. Rengstorf of Kansas were the only passengers reported seriously injured. Several colored passengers were slightly injured.

As soon as the report was received at the Houston headquarters of the railroad, Assistant General Manager G. S. Waid, I. A. Cottingham in charge of maintenance of way, and special agent Maurice Kahn immediately left Houston on a special train with the wrecker for Benchley.

An examination of the track showed that the accident was due to derailment. The pony truck of the locomotive was found in the ditch about midway between the engine and the rear sleeper. Officials did not soon determine whether this caused the wreck or not. The train was on a straight track and there was no evidence of spreading or defective rails. A closed investigation into the cause of the wreck was held.

As the frequency of similar accidents in that territory within several months brought up the suspicion of train wrecking work. Officials at Houston stated that the road bed on the main line of the Central at that point was in excellent condition and that the equipment of Train No. 17 was in good condition when the "Owl" left Houston.

H. S. Reavis of Houston, who was on the "Owl" when the accident occurred stated that Engineer Latchford was making up lost time on the straight stretch of track and was probably going 60 miles an hour when the accident happened. He stated that the track in that section was as good as any in Texas. Latchford's fellow trainmen stated that he had recently been "jacked-up" by his superior officers for not making schedule time. They say that it was not his fault, that

he was late and that he was making his engine do her best when she left the rails. In his efforts to always comply with the orders for scheduled train service, they say, he was faultless in driving high powered engines.

The southbound 'Owl' was flagged two miles north of the wreck by Conductor Dick Singer of Train No. 17. Singer was badly shaken up in the wreck, but knowing that No. 18 was due in a few minutes he ran on and flagged it in time.

Only one Pullman coach remained upon the rails, but the balance of the cars cut the ties for a distance of 400 yards. The passengers of the "Owl" were sent back to Bryan by special train and detoured from that point over the I. & G. N. until the right of way was cleared.

John W. Latchford, the engineer who met his death on duty lived in Houston and was one of the most popular trainmen in the employ of the H. & T. C. Railroad. He was born in Kingstown, Canada in 1862.

ENGINEER LATCHFORD'S WATCH STOPPED IN HOUSTON WHEN WRECK OCCURRED

John W. Latchford, engineer of the H. & T. C. Railroad Train No. 17, met instant death at precisely 2:48 Saturday morning, February 1, 1913 when his locomotive plunged into a ditch. When that occurred, there hung a watch belonging to him in a safe of the office of C. K. Darling, superintendent of time service, who adjusts all railroad watches in Houston.

The watch was in perfect running order; it had just been adjusted at the request of the engineer, yet at exactly 2:48 it stopped.

The fact was discovered Saturday morning by L. S. Racine, an employee. He opened the safe to get out the watches, and noticed that Latchford's watch had stopped. He tried to wind it, but was unable to do so — it was wound up tight.

He took it to pieces and found that there was nothing wrong with any parts of the works.

The son of the owner of the establishment was in the office at the time and corroborates the story in every detail. The watch was a Standard 21 jewel movement and was in absolute perfect running order. No explanation of the matter has as yet been made. Engineer Latchford had had the watch for many years, and this was the first time in years that he had gone out on the run without it.

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That high rate of speed, coupled with certain light depressions on the alternate sides of the track caused the wreck, owing to the high rate of speed which the train was making on the down grade,

these depressions caused a rocking motion, that toppled the engine over.

DIED AT THE THROTTLE

"Buddy," we're right on the money."

These words were the last uttered by Engineer Joe Conn on the Austin-Houston run September 19, 1922, a little before 2 o'clock as No. 46 was steaming up grade, preliminary to the roll down to Burton Station.

No. 46 topped the grade, but to the surprise of fireman Cox the train began to increase speed as it felt the influence of the incline, and when he called to his chief, asking him why he had not "shut her off" for the coast down hill, received no reply. An inert, unresponsive figure was crouched in the right hand seat, head lying upon a window sill, yet with fingers still grasping the throttle as they had for so many active years in the service of the H. & T. C. Railroad. Joe Conn had made his last run, and had passed to his reward while on duty, just as he may possibly had hoped, on time and ready.

Fireman Cox speedily brought the train to its regular stop and notified the conductor, and together they tenderly removed the body of the dead engineer and placed it within the sleeper car for a silent journey to headquarters and home. B. L. Weatherford, another engineer, was a passenger on No. 46 and he brought the train to Houston, just as Joe Conn would have done — right on the money, — on time.

16 KILLED IN WRECK OF THE "OWL" AT HAMMOND SIDING, JANUARY 13, 1918.

Sixteen persons were killed and 17 injured when the "Owl" — northbound Houston & Texas Central passenger train from Houston to Dallas was wrecked at 3:25 a.m. Monday at Hammond siding north of Hearne.

The wreck occurred when a head-end coach split the switch connecting the passing siding with the main line. The locomotive, tender and baggage and mail cars passed over the switch safely, following the main line, but the rear trucks of the first passenger coach split the switch. The rest of the train led by the steel chair car, plunged into the sidetrack, and crashed into a freight engine with a caboose attached, which had taken the siding to permit the northbound passenger to pass.

The freight engine, No. 459, was demolished and carried on the wreckage of the chair car fully 50 yards. Its steam pipes were broken, and a hoarse geyser of scalding water dealt death to the struggling passengers in the chair car.

A misting rain was falling when the passenger train, running on

time, whistled for the Hammond siding. The night was black and a blue norther had swept in from the north. In every direction the roads were thick in mud and this made rescue work terribly hard. Coupled with this difficulty was the poor telegraph communication made worse by the wind and rain. Notwithstanding, news of the wreck was flashed both ways, to Houston and Waco, and before daylight streams of rescuers — people from Hearne, Calvert and Bremond, automobile parties struggling through the mud from more remote points, and farmers in the vicinity were hurrying to the scene. Rescue trains with doctors aboard came in from Hearne, Houston and Waco. The Hearne relief train arrived at 6:30 a.m.

The wreck was made more terrible by the breaking of the freight engine's steam lines and explained the large number of casualties. Uninjured passengers already on the ground, the crews and occupants of the four sleeping cars were unable to go to the rescue of the trapped and unfortunates until the steam pipes blew themselves out.

In the dead of an inky black night, with a steady steam of scalding water playing over nearly two score unfortunate human beings, strangling their pitiful wails, plans for the rescue went ahead. Several relief calls went out, lanterns flickered here and there, fires were built and three sleeping cars still standing were made ready for the injured.

SAM ATKINS TYPICAL RAILROAD MAN OF THE EARLY DAYS

Sam Atkins, a strapping six-footer weighing over two hundred pounds, was typical of the many railroaders that worked in and out of Hearne during the early days of railroading in this area.

He was employed first as a brakeman and later as a conductor for the H. & T. C. Railroad and had a run from Houston to Hearne. His home was in Houston but his lay-over was on this end of the line and he became well known in Hearne.

He would often stroll up town to visit the various places of business. On his rounds he would go into a local barber shop, remove his blue railroad jacket and expose the large gold watch chain strung across the great expanse of his chest, the watch chain having a large "peach seed" which he had polished very highly hanging about the center. After his usual 'growling' to the barber serving him he would get his shave, haircut, and tonic and then drape himself into the shine chair and 'rawhide' the shine boy that was putting the shine on his large brown round-toed railroad shoes. Sam wore a black hat crushed to a sharp point on top.

After leaving the barber shop, he would saunter into one of the local drug stores to look around for a while then make his way to Ike Hall's Cafe. Upon being seated in the cafe he would yell to "Tuff" Oliver behind the counter; "Gimme a 'settin' of eggs scrambled, a loaf of bread, a t-bone steak, rare, and smother the steak with

a double order of pork chops. He had a ravenous appetite. After eating the huge meal he would ask "Tuff" what kind of pie he had and then order a whole pie. After finishing off the pie, he would rear back, belch real loud, and ask "Tuff" what he owed him. "Nothing," said Tuff, "Anybody who can eat that much should get it free." Sam Atkins slept in a caboose in the Hearne yard and some mornings would cook his own breakfast. He would eat 'some' eggs and when the egg shells were cleaned out of the caboose it looked like someone had emptied the incubator.

Sam had lots of names for railroad men and before he was promoted the conductor was the target of his name calling. He referred to a conductor on a freight run as the "Bullhead," the "Big O," "Skipper," "Brains," "Corn Doctor" and to a passenger train conductor as "Brass Buttons," "Captain," and "Grabber."

Sam Atkins was the rough and ready type of railroader and will long be remembered by both the town people and the many railroad men who knew him during his many years of service on the H. & T. C. Railroad.

ENGINEER "BIG FIDDLE" SHEPLER

Back in the early days of railroading in Hearne, there was an engineer on the H. & T. C. Railroad that had a run between Hearne and Ennis known as "Big Fiddle" Shepler. He acquired the name of "Big Fiddle" from his associates on the railroad on account of his enormous size. He was the engineer for many years on Engine Number 332. Shooting dice was one of his favorite pleasures and he rolled the "cubes" at every opportunity. An old story has it that on one occasion he was on his run from Ennis to Hearne and he received orders to go in "the hole" for a superior train. In taking the siding he intentionally 'fouled' the main line causing the oncoming train to have to stop. When the crew from the other train came to "Big Fiddle's" engine to see what the trouble was, he said to them, "Nothing is wrong, I just wanted to have someone to shoot "craps" with and none of my crew wanted to." It is reported that the visiting crew had to accommodate "Big Fiddle" before he would back his train and clear the main line.

Another story has it that on one of "Big Fiddle's" runs he had a very young and inexperienced fireman. It seems that "Big Fiddle" was also famous for his fast running and on a down hill grade his drivers were really rolling. The young fireman became frightened and asked "Big Fiddle" to slack up on the "Johnson Bar," but "Big Fiddle" just laughed and enjoyed the fun. Finally, the young fireman began to cry because he was so scared. He said to "Big Fiddle," "Please slow down. I have been married only a week and I sure do want to see that little gal again." "Big Fiddle" replied, "Sonny, you are riding with "Big Fiddle," the fastest engineer on this road. Always

kiss your wife goodbye when you are on my run. When I'm at the throttle, anything can happen. Just relax." Of course he couldn't relax, but the boys at the roundhouse said that the young fireman never did fire for old "Big Fiddle" again.

ENGINEER DICK MUNDINE

Dick Mundine was one of the most colorful railroad men in all the history of railroading in the Hearne area. He worked for the I. & G. N. Railroad and at different times had runs from San Antonio to Palestine and from Taylor to Palestine via Hearne.

If one of his fellow workers would ask him to check their watch with his he would begin to reach into every pocket he had as he carried anywhere from three to eight watches with him all of the time. All of the watches were standard make and official railroad watches that kept perfect time. No reason for carrying all of those watches was ever learned, but Engineer Dick Mundine loved good watches and was always ready to talk 'watch trade' with anyone at anytime.

Dick Mundine was recognized as the best "whistle" man ever to grab the cord on a steam locomotive. When sounding the railroad signals his whistle had a "blowing quality" that no one else could quite equal. Sometimes his 'whistling' was long, sometimes mournful, sometimes low, but always it had that Dick Mundine touch that could be recognized by everyone.

When his train would roar through Hearne with the whistle sounding, you could hear someone say, "Listen to old Dick Mundine, boy he's the best." As his train would rumble and rattle out of sight, the mournful tone on his whistle would let one and all know that old Dick Mundine, the best 'whistling' engineer in the business, was at the throttle, and, that he was going to bring her in on time.

FIREMAN SAVES BABY FROM DEATH IN LOCOMOTIVE'S PATH

Clarence J. Farris Awarded Carnegie Hero Medal

On May 1, 1929, Clarence J. Farris of Hearne was the fireman and W. C. Hendrix the engineer, on a train on the Southern Pacific Railroad that was headed south coming out of Denison. The train was headed south out of Denison to dump gravel along the track bed.

As the train crossed Day Street in Denison, gaining speed for the trip, the men in the cab noticed what they believed to be a piece of paper on the track at the intersection of Munson Street, just one block distant. The train drew nearer, running at a speed of about twenty miles an hour, and the "paper" was seen to be the form of a baby standing serenely between the rails. Gertrude Reynolds, 14 month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reynolds, had slipped away from her home, 307 West Munson Street, immediately west of the track, while her mother was busy.

Engineer Hendrix, also of Hearne, saw that the train was too close to the child to stop in time, but he jammed on the brakes. Fireman Farris leaped from the cab and raced with death up the track. As the train slowed down, Fireman Farris leaped ahead and snatched the baby from the track. A second later, the train with its locked brakes screaming, swept over the spot where the child had stood. Clutching the bewildered child in his arms, Fireman Farris started to her home adjoining the right-of-way to be met at the gate by the mother, her eyes flooded with tears. Fervently hugging the small form, the mother endeavored to express her thanks, vainly struggling to hold back tears of emotion and gratitude.

Later, Fireman Farris was awarded the Carnegie Hero Medal at the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. While he was justly proud of the medal, it is certain that Fireman Farris' greatest gratification came through the life-long appreciation that little Gertrude Reynolds always held for the man to whom she is indebted for her life.

OLD DINNER PAIL EVOKES MEMORIES

It is not a thing of beauty hanging there in the garret of the old home. It is battered and the tin is worn off in spots, its wooden bale handle made smooth by Dad's hands in its journey to and from work — journeys that would aggregate thousands of miles during the years.

In fancy we can see our Mother as in early morning and by the light of a kerosene lamp she prepared Dad's dinner in the old tin dinner pail. Yes, in these modern times it may be lunch, but in those days it was just plain dinner.

First the coffee properly sugared and creamed would be poured in the bottom of the pail. Then a little tray was inserted and on this was placed the sandwiches, with an apple or orange thrown in for good measure. Above this was another tray on which reposed a huge slab of pie and a few cookies — Dad's dessert at noon time. The cover with its little tin cup was then put in place, after which with a kiss to Mother and to such of us children who were up, Dad would pick up his pail and go out into the chill or the heat of the early morning, rain or snow, summer or winter, followed by a fervent admonition of "Be Careful Dad."

Like all children who ever were or will be, we looked no farther than the table for our food or the old bureau drawer for our clothing. We did not comprehend that Dad's trips to work day after day, his braving the elements or the dangers and the worries of his work, meant that we should be fed, clothed, sheltered and educated. No, that was beyond our childish understanding.

At noon Dad would select a quiet comfortable spot to open his pail and there he would eat his dinner in silence — sharing a few

morsels with the birds, a mouse or stray cat, for Dad was kindly to all of God's creatures. We imagine, too, that in those quiet moments his thoughts wandered far into the future with fond dreams of bigger and better things for himself and his family.

At the close of day, worn and spent by his work and its problems, Dad plodded homeward to be met by a group of children eagerly waiting to see what he had left in his pail. And dear old Dad never failed us; there was always something there; and how sweet were those crusts of bread, piece of cookie or fragment of an apple.

Yes, Dad was a great guy. His old battered dinner pail represents that which has built empires and made this country what it is — honest toil. What our Dad did and was to us, thousands upon thousands of other Dads today are doing and are, to little lads anxiously waiting his return from work, to see what he left in his pail.

The old dinner pail hangs in the garret of the old home. The sturdy hand that carried it, the loving hands that prepared its contents through the years, are stilled, but the love for them, the memory and influence for good left by them is a heritage to be retained forever.

RAILROAD "LINGO"

Hoghead	Engineer
Cow Cage	Cattle Car
Yard Geese	Switchmen
Big Ox, Boss, Brains, Brass Buttons	Conductor
On the Ties	Derailed
High Iron	Main Track
The Clip	The Message
Long Whiskers	Long Seniority
Rule G	Thou Shalt Not Drink
Double Header	Train with two engines
Master Maniac	Master Mechanic
Scoop	Step on front end of yard engine
Soup	Water
Jockey	Yard Switchman
Pink	Rush Telegram
Riding the Plush	Riding a passenger train
Show a White Feather	Steam from engine's safety valve
Shiner	Signal Lantern
Gandy Dancer	Section Hand
Decorate a Train	Riding on top
Animal Car	Caboose
Ball the Jack	Putting on Speed
Side Door Pullman	Boxcar
The Brass	Bell
The Bull	Railroad Detective

It Happened in Hearne

HEARNE CENSUS

1880	1,421
1890	1,873
1900	2,129
1910	2,353
1920	2,741
1930	2,956
1940	3,511
1950	4,872

HEARNE MAYORS

F. H. Bailey	James Walker Pinkerton
W. J. Hale	Robert Cyrus Allen
W. H. Davison Sr.	William Henry Ely
J. G. Henniger	Alfred B. Brady
John Benedetti	James Gilbert Philen
J. L. Moseley	Harvey Sidney Spiller
John E. Bishop	Wait Stephen Hoyt Jr.
Thomas N. Graham	Peter Louis Brady Jr.
Peter Louis Brady Sr.	Henry C. Kelly

CITIZENS WHO HAVE SERVED ON THE HEARNE CITY COUNCIL

W. P. Ferguson	John Benedetti
W. H. Davison	C. L. White
R. Martin	L. Kauffmann
F. W. Hopkins	J. H. Hartzog
W. W. Bivin	Charles Later
W. T. Watt	J. W. Mathews
J. G. Henniger	H. K. Davis
J. N. Sailors	J. B. Morris
John Teeling	William Crenan
A. E. Bishop	T. N. Graham
H. B. Easterwood	W. W. Wilson
Thomas Kinney	G. F. Britton
J. A. Gammell	J. G. Lipscomb

P. L. Brady Sr.
 George M. Williams
 J. T. Ayres
 C. L. Doremus
 J. W. Green
 J. C. Lumpkin
 W. R. Batley
 R. Boswell
 E. Rohde
 William Scherbel
 W. A. Wilkerson
 John Robb
 J. W. Pinkerton
 A. B. Boyd
 C. L. Dillard
 Phillip Reilly
 R. D. Wray
 Sam Lipsitz
 W. A. Gowan
 I. D. Hall
 J. L. Rosson
 R. L. Green
 R. W. Miller
 W. H. Ely
 K. G. Orts
 W. D. Blackstone
 J. W. Horlock
 J. T. Hamilton
 W. B. Pyland
 R. W. Marshall
 J. T. Walston

C. T. Rhodes
 W. L. Smith
 J. A. Carson
 A. B. Brady
 J. G. Philen
 George B. Palmos
 H. L. Henry
 H. S. Spiller
 P. L. Brady Jr.
 A. L. Ely
 C. P. Henry
 J. H. Fox
 W. T. Dillard
 C. L. Hudson
 Willie F. Sander
 J. M. Dorrell
 C. B. Thames
 C. J. Allen Jr.
 P. J. Haas
 Henry C. Kelly
 George Clark
 T. O. Wilkins
 Rostelle C. Carson
 John Orts
 Leo Zeig
 O. H. McCollum
 C. S. Massey
 Leon Wilson
 Vince Campise
 John H. Escoubas

HEARNE POSTMASTERS

L. Armstrong	June 17, 1869
Mrs. Mary E. Wagner	October 8, 1869
M. Connolly	November 4, 1870
John W. Watson	July 11, 1871
Charles H. Clifford	February 14, 1872
Bettie McLendon (not commissioned)	Nov. 28, 1881
Thomas A. Roche	December 16, 1881
William C. Bailey	June 26, 1882
William C. Bailey (Sic.)	July 1, 1884
Dr. James G. Adams	December 11, 1885
Augustus W. Bridge	May 23, 1889
Charles J. Hostrasser	April 18, 1892
James L. Moseley	March 19, 1894

Charles J. Hostrasser.....	March 31, 1898
F. W. Easterwood.....	March 10, 1914
Floyd W. Easterwood.....	September 15, 1918
Charles J. Hostrasser.....	February 8, 1923
Irene G. Ferguson.....	March 3, 1927
William C. Allen.....	May 2, 1935
Mrs. Lucille W. Martin.....	April 15, 1945

HEARNE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Professor John Lawrence Jennings
 Professor Jacob E. Cook
 Professor Wolfe
 Professor S. H. Hickman
 Professor Frank Holland
 Professor DeShazzor
 Professor Eaves
 Professor Paschal
 David M. Majors
 H. C. Lyon
 Edward T. Robbins
 Louis D. Williams
 R. Milton Hix
 Manford E. Jones

WHEELOCK 1833

The community of Wheelock, Texas was settled in 1833.

ROBERTSON COUNTY 1850

Back in 1850, there were 132 families living in Robertson County. There were 132 dwellings in the entire county. There were 366 white males and only 304 white females living in the county or a total of 670 people in the entire county. There were 264 Negro slaves in the county. As all farms at this time were very large plantations, only 18 farms were in the county in 1850. In this same year, 1850, twenty one years before Hearne was incorporated, there were no manufacturing establishments in the entire county.

GENERAL SAM HOUSTON AT WHEELOCK, JULY 10, 1857.

"I propose to address the people of Texas at the time and place set forth in the following schedule. The ladies are most particularly invited to attend." These were the words of General Sam Houston as they appeared on an advertisement of the above schedule of his speaking appearances.

General Sam Houston made his famous speech in Robertson County on Friday, July 10, 1857 at Wheelock, Texas, this community then being the largest populated area of the county.

Houston's speech was three hours long. In this famous speech he said, "I would as soon have five hundred Black Republicans to come to Texas as five hundred Arkansas men." (It is said that had this remark been made by any other man than General Sam Houston he would have been stoned out of the place.) Further along in the speech he called a number of Texans cowards. He then went on to give his reasons for being a candidate for Governor of Texas. He had come from Washington, where he was serving as United State Senator, and asked his wife, Margaret Lea of Houston, what he should do. She told him to run for governor and he said he agreed with her.

Houston said he would put on his gloves and handle some of his opponents. He then went through the mock ceremony of putting on his gloves. It was not generally known that old Sam once had ambition to become an actor, but he even played several roles on the stage in Tennessee. This flair for the theatrical came in handy when he was making his political speeches in Texas in 1857. In speaking of his opponent H. R. (Dick) Runnels, Sam Houston said that he could find forty niggers who could make a better speech than Dick Runnels. He derided Anson Jones, the last President of the Republic of Texas saying, "He wanted to 'rent' the Governor's Mansion for two years." He further said there would be no stealing out of the State Treasury. He told the hot coffee and hot water story, and advised the ladies of Robertson County to pour hot water down their husband's backs if they should refuse to vote for him.

His filthy allusion to mules and the abuse of men are things beyond description. Better that they should be forgotten forever. There was no hand applause. In fact the applause was very feeble and seldom. This was to be expected from the high character of the ladies and gentlemen present. . . There was no enthusiasm, for Sam Houston had destroyed it. He disappointed his friends. When he had finished speaking there were many empty benches.

It was a picture of hate in old age (Houston was now 64 years of age).

In front of the platform was a painting of George Washington. The following words too were much in evidence: SAM HOUSTON — HERO OF SAN JACINTO.

Probably those time-honored words kept many in the audience from throwing sticks and stones. Sam Houston was not elected in 1857. His vulgarity backfired and H. R. (Dick) Runnels was elected Governor of Texas. However, after two years, the people of Texas relented and elected Sam Houston Governor of Texas. (NOTE: This account of Sam Houston's speech at Wheelock, Texas on July 10, 1857 was taken from an old newspaper story covering the event.)

HEARNE IN 1871

Sale of town lots at Hearne, Texas. Lots can be purchased after March 30, 1871, on application to the undersigned on the grounds. The lots offered for sale include business and residential lots. Reasonably priced . . . J. Carroll Smith, Agent.

HEARNE IN 1872

The Brown-Greeley Club of the Hearne Precinct met on Thursday night in 1872 over the Bank Saloon.

HEARNE, 1874

150 Chinamen registered as voters in Hearne in 1874. They were workers on the railroads.

HEARNE, 1874

A murder was committed in Hearne in 1874. A member of the victim's family trailed the murderer to old Mexico. Later the victim's family received the following telegram:

"It's all over now. --- --- --- is shoveling coal in Hell."

HEARNE, 1874

Back in 1874, only three years after Hearne was incorporated, the railroad depot in old Hearne was converted to the use of a mill. Approved machinery was installed to express oil from cotton seed. Hearne was improving by now and the north side of Austin Street was built up with fine brick store buildings. A Mr. Cramer had completed two brick store buildings on Fourth Street.

The ladies supper was such a success in 1874, that the indebtedness on the Episcopal Church was paid off.

HEARNE, 1874

The largest regular train of cattle through to Chicago was transferred and shipped from Hearne during the fall of 1874. Seventeen carloads of cattle were included in the shipment.

Freight transfer at Hearne was usually moved right along without much delay. Merchandise of any kind was not delayed more than six hours (Note: These were the days of both the broad and narrow gauge in railroading and hence the necessity for transferring the railroad cars from narrow to broad gauge tracks.) Mr. George Haswell supervised the activities of the local freight platform and the Chief Clerk was W. J. Roundtree. It is said that during 1874 during one month the number of freight cars transferred in Hearne was 1323 . . . about 680,000 feet of lumber and 88 cars of cattle were shipped. About 1278 broad gauge cars were sent south from Hearne, of which number at least 1000 were cotton, averaging 22 bales to the car or a total of 22,000 bales of cotton. All of this freight was transferred across the platform by actual handling, clerks checking and platform hands

running. This almost made one think of New Orleans in the palmy days.

PUBLIC HANGING OF A THIEF IN HEARNE IN 1876

Wednesday night April 18, 1876 at Hearne, a man by the name of Charley Roberts was arrested for stealing. In the examining trial, there was insufficient proof against him, and he was discharged. That night he was seized by a mob, taken to the woods and hanged. The community denounced this act in the most severe terms. The editor of the Hearne Enterprise hinted pretty strongly that the murderers committed the act to silence the tongue of Roberts. They were afraid Roberts would talk. Mayor Davison denied the statement that Charley Roberts was "seized by a mob," taken to the woods and hanged. Mayor Davison tried to prove that the following were the real facts: "Charley Roberts was found dead in the darkness of night, and, after a thorough investigation by the jury of inquest, which occupied two days, the evidence pointed directly to one Jake Summerville as the perpetrator of the deed. The motive for the murder was a mystery."

Jake Summerville, alleged murderer of Charley Roberts was arrested by J. T. Thwaitt, of Milam County, and lodged in the new jail at Calvert, Texas. Thwaitt received a reward of \$250 offered by Governor Coke for delivery of the murderer to the sheriff. Summerville was brought to Hearne by the sheriff on May 11, 1876. An excited crowd followed him from the court room.

HEARNE, MAY 10, 1876.

"Desperado" Jack was elected Street Commissioner by receiving 109 votes to General Ripley (colored) 42 votes.

HEARNE, 1876

Thomas Snipes, a convict, died on the Horatio R. Hearne plantation in the Brazos Bottom in 1876. It was found that his neck was broken. There was a special building on this plantation where convict laborers were kept.

HEARNE, JUNE 1876

The plan of compelling citizens between the ages of sixteen and forty-five years to work on the streets of the City of Hearne had been abandoned. The city council had made an appropriation for this work sufficient to meet the present requirements.

HEARNE, MAY 1876

On May 16, 1876, the corner stone of the compress was to be laid at Hearne. The citizens of Hearne were giving a grand barbecue in honor of the occasion. The Honorable Charles Stewart of Houston delivered an address. Governor Hubbard of Texas and other distinguished speakers were invited to attend. A grand ball was held

that night. Special trains were run to Hearne from Calvert, Bryan, Palestine and Rockdale.

HEARNE, MAY 1876

Steamboat went down the Brazos River. The steamboat "Lizzie," under Captain Woodroe, passed over the shoals at Port Sullivan, going down the Brazos River last Sunday. The falls or rapids at Port Sullivan were very swift. In passing over, the "Lizzie" twice struck on rocks. The "Lizzie" came down from Waco, and was going below to engage in the trade of the lower Brazos. This was the first time since 1858 that a steamboat had been seen at Port Sullivan.

HEARNE JUNE, 1876

An enthusiastic Immigration Meeting assembled in Hearne, called to order by the citizens of Hearne, for the purpose of organizing an Immigration Society for Robertson County. Speeches were made by Colonel T. B. Fisher, Immigration Agent for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company and W. G. Wall, who was elected permanent president of the organization. Colonel Charles Lewis was elected vice president and J. E. Cramer, secretary. At this time in 1876, Robertson County considered itself an empire in itself.

TROUBLE WITH PLANTATION CONVICTS NEAR HEARNE IN 1877

Seventeen Negro convicts working on the plantation of Colonel Charles Lewis, three miles from Hearne, made good their escape by sawing out of their log prison building where they were kept at night.

It was supposed that they obtained clothes from local colored citizens and escaped into the brush. A few days later, nine of the seventeen escaped convicts had been recaptured and the guards continued the search for the others.

HEARNE, 1877

During this summer, Mr. Horatio R. Hearne had the first artesian well bored in this vicinity. The well was located on Mr. Hearne's plantation five miles south of Hearne in the Brazos Bottom. The discovery of artesian water at once led to the boring of other wells in the Brazos Bottom. L. W. Carr bored two of the wells on his plantation.

HEARNE, AUGUST 28, 1877

On August 28, 1877 Texas Rangers Jack Duncan and Lt. Armstrong passed through Hearne enroute to Austin with John Wesley Hardin who had been arrested at Pensacola, Florida on a charge of murder committed in Texas.

FAMOUS TRIAL IN HEARNE IN 1877

The trial was at the supposed instance of one "Foster," a colored boy, who had filed a complaint of assault against one "General" Ripley, another colored boy.

The verdict?

"We the jury, find the defendant is guilty of violating the law of the City of Hearne, but, whereas the Court failed to properly conduct the case, we fine the Honorable Court the drinks for the crowd. The Court and the Crowd immediately repaired to the nearest saloon. It was said that this unusual verdict did not have the least effect on the placidity of His Honor the Judge.

HEARNE, SEPTEMBER 3, 1878

The citizens asked that the following facts be made public in Hearne: A report having been circulated that there is a case of Yellow Fever in Hearne, we desire to give the rumor a public denial, and say that it was evidently spread through malicious motives, as there is not a case of sickness of any kind in Hearne.

Signed: Mayor F. H. Bailey

Dr. M. Matkin, Health Officer.

P. S. — But J. Franklin, a public spirited citizen, continued to collect money in order to aid Yellow Fever victims in other states.

HEARNE, MAY 2, 1878

W. H. Nelson, proprietor of the European Hotel of Hearne left town suddenly. Owed too much.

The Hearne Democratic Club was organized here with 53 members. A. J. Folson was elected Chairman and H. L. Lewis, Secretary. Stirring speeches were made.

HEARNE, FEBRUARY 5, 1879

The mayor, an alderman, and two other prominent citizens were arraigned in a Justice Court on a charge of gambling. Constable Scott filed the charge. Not guilty was the verdict, as the gentlemen had played in a private room.

HEARNE, OCTOBER 29, 1879

John W. S. ----- was arrested again today, charged with crooked dealing in horse flesh. He is a noted thief. He offered the old gentleman from whom he stole the horse eighty acres of land not to appear in court against him.

EXODUSTERS IN HEARNE IN 1879

On October 29, 1879, fifteen wagon loads of Exodusters came to Hearne to take the train for Kansas. They came from the Hammond Colony, five miles east of Hearne and numbered about 100 persons.

HEARNE, OCTOBER 1878

B. W. Beckham and Miss Sidney A. Carr, both of Hearne, were married by the Reverend Mr. Fagle, a Baptist minister. Notable

among the wedding guests were: Dr. J. D. Rogers and family and a Mr. Lasker.

HEARNE, OCTOBER 1878

Hearne had sent for distribution among the Yellow Fever sufferers in other states nearly \$400.00. The IOOF sent \$50.00.

HEARNE, 1880

In 1880 B. W. Beckham and Henry L. Lewis bored artesian wells in the town of Hearne and this was followed by about a dozen other citizens boring wells on their town property. The oil mill and each of the three cotton gins bored artesian wells in 1880.

HEARNE, 1882

J. B. Hodge was said to have been the oldest man living in Robertson County in 1882. Mr. Hodge was 98 years old at the time of his death in 1882. He was a native of Kentucky and was one of the most prominent citizens of the county.

HEARNE, 1882

Colonel Robert Martin erected a fine opera house in Hearne in 1882.

STEALING A SALESMAN'S SUITCASE IN HEARNE FINALLY LED TO MURDER IN 1882

One thing led to another in Hearne in 1882. Fred Waite had stolen a 'drummer's' valise in Hearne in 1882. Arrested in Dallas, Waite was brought to the Robertson County jail in Franklin.

Jailer Ad Wyser went to the jail to feed the prisoners. Fred Waite had gotten his cell door open and he made a rush for Wyser and struck him on the head with an iron bar knocking him down and repeated the blows several times fracturing Wyser's skull. Waite then took his victim's six shooter, gold watch and chain, and threw the jail doors open. All of the prisoners but one broke for the woods.

The officers and citizens turned out enmasse and soon re-arrested all of the prisoners but Fred Waite and a Negro by the name of Wyatt Brooks. A bloodhound was put on the trail and Brooks was found secreted in a Negro house three miles away. He was brought back and jailed. The lone bloodhound was winded by this time and a message was sent to Calvert to J. W. Herndon to bring his pack of bloodhounds to assist. Herndon arrived with his hounds and after considerable trouble the dogs took up the trail. A man in the search party by the name of Lucien Waelder came upon Waite after dark on the prairie. Waelder was in advance of the search party and the dogs. Fred Waite emptied his pistol at Waelder killing Waelder's horse. Waite then escaped into the darkness. At 11 p.m. Waite was captured. He had buried the pistol and the watch and chain but all of these articles were recovered. The murderer was again lodged in

jail. The officers could hardly prevent the citizens from lynching Waite.

Jailer Ad Wyser lived only twelve hours, and never spoke a word. He was considered one of the best and bravest peace officers in Robertson County.

Sheriff W. Q. Wyser and the citizens neither ate nor slept until the last of the escaped prisoners were lodged in the county jail. Public indignation ran high.

Fred Waite, Wyatt Brooks, and Dan Compton were charged with the murder of Ad Wyser. Austin, Brown, who was in the county jail at the time of the murder and the jail break, made a strong witness for the prosecution of the murderers.

HEARNE, 1883

In 1883 Hearne had a population close to 2000 and during the year two free public schools were opened. There were four churches: Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, and Roman Catholic.

A Taylor improved hydraulic compress had been erected in 1881. Hearne was then connected to Milam County by a fine iron bridge over the Brazos River. This bridge was built by the Missouri Valley Bridge Company, and owned by Hearne citizens. Each of the two railroads in Hearne had built fine brick roundhouses.

HEARNE, SEPTEMBER 24, 1883

The grand opening of the Davis Opera House here this date by the Arlington Company was attended by a large audience.

Hearne had already shipped about one million bricks to Taylor, Texas. These bricks were manufactured by the brick yards owned and operated by John and Charles Robb. The brick kilns were located on the Calvert highway just inside the city limits.

Hearne on this date was still on a boom! Business was good!

HEARNE BOASTED MILITARY COMPANY IN THE 1880's

With the War between the States far enough back in history for the generation that followed to see only the glamour of military pageantry and know little of the horrors of war itself, the organizing of military companies, composed largely of the socially prominent young blades, was quite the thing back in the 80's.

Hearne had its fling in military pagentry also with the forming of the "Jones Rifles" of which Captain J. George Henniger was company commander.

Other officers included First Lt. B. C. Hill and 2nd Lt. T. Schrader. Nine non-commissioned officers included the following: 1st Sgt. T. E. Powell, 2nd Sgt. J. W. Langan, 3rd Sgt. J. Bennedetti, 4th Sgt. P. L. Brady, 5th Sgt. John Hazel, 1st Corp. H. Van Vorst, 2nd Corp. E. S. Wicks, 3rd Corp. R. B. Scott and 4th Corp. Sam Green.

Listed as privates were: A. J. Robertson, John Teeling, E. Maguire, H. C. Clifton, W. Fairbanks, N. L. Royster, Jim Brady, C. Schilling, Dan Brady, A. R. Thompson, W. H. Davison Jr., Tom Detrich, T. J. Woods, W. Hamilton, L. M. Bassett, A. Bishop, J. M. Bishop, C. Martin, C. W. Johnson, T. T. Breedlove, D. B. Wall, A. Woodruff, W. Forst and L. B. Mathews.

OLD SCHOOL PICTURE BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

Ed. P. Byars, Traffic Director for the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association, a resident of Hearne in the 1880's made the following comments in a letter to a Hearne friend upon receiving a picture showing the grade school class of 1889 of which Mr. Byars was a member:

"The 67-year-old picture of the proud Class of 1889 Hearne grade student is priceless. I couldn't have appreciated it more if you had sent me the court house or a bucket of diamonds. Of course, I am having it framed.

Time has dimmed my memory of a few of the kids in the picture but I remember well nearly all of them, especially the boys I had fights with and the girls I admired. I wonder where they all are now.

The boy sitting on my right in the picture was the toughest boy in town, Louis Parnell. After I whipped him, I wore the belt myself. He had three older brothers; Clem, who was alright; Claude and Averett, not in the picture, were telegraph operators for my father, who was the railroad agent at Hearne.

I was in love with Irish Bridget Layden, number 22 in the picture, but if Valesca Steffan (Mrs. R. W. Marshall) had given me half a chance, I would have been throwing rocks at Bridget. She married a switchman and moved away.

The trouble with Wash Minsky, number four in the picture, was that he wouldn't wash. H. K. Davis the banker, was the father of Katie Davis, number 19 in the picture, and Hugh Davis, number 17 in the picture.

Come to think of it, Valesca and Bridget are about the cutest girls in the picture, and isn't it strange that they are sitting together?

There is one I missed; she is not in the picture. It is Effie Taylor."

HEARNE, NOVEMBER 7, 1883

"THE PARTICULARS OF THE KILLING OF THE CITY MARSHAL IN HEARNE, TEXAS"

O. D. Cannon, a prominent lawyer, and Albert Bishop, City Marshal, had had some angry words on November 7, 1883 regarding the jailing of Cannon's father-in-law in the calaboose by Bishop for some trivial offense.

Bishop was prevented by friends from shooting Cannon.

Early on the morning of November 8, 1883, the shooting occurred. Cannon claimed Bishop was advancing on him at or near his residence.

On examining the body of Bishop, it was found that 27 buckshot had taken effect. Cannon had discharged both barrels of a shotgun.

There were no witnesses to the affair. Evidence taken at the coroner's inquest showed conclusively that Bishop wanted Cannon's blood. Bishop was 36 years old at the time of his death.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT HEARNE

DECEMBER 24, 1883

One of the most destructive fires ever known in the history of Hearne, Texas broke out December 24, 1883 (morning) in Cohen's Saloon. The flames spread very rapidly until the entire block was destroyed. This block, located in the business district is bounded by Magnolia Street on the west, Market Street on the east, Fourth Street on the north, and Third Street on the south.

The glare illuminated the heavens. This glare was plainly visible at Sutton, five miles away. All of the buildings were frame, very old and dry. This block of buildings had been built in 1870, being one of the first business blocks to be built after the business district shifted from the south end of town. (NOTE: The first business district was located along the east side of the 1200 Block on Market Street near the old Peter Louis Brady Sr. home.)

The following persons and business firms suffered losses in this great fire:

COHEN'S SALOON, where the fire originated, losses heavy. The stock and bar fixtures valued at \$4,000.00 were a total loss. No insurance.

SIMON COHEN, in adjoining building, groceries loss \$1500.00. No insurance.

CHARLES LATER, groceries, loss \$250.00. No insurance.

S. GRODZINSKY, fruit and groceries, loss \$200.00. No insurance.

J. C. LIPSCOMB, saloon, loss by moving, \$200.00. His insurance was not affected, as his stock of liquors was located in a brick warehouse back of the saloon. It was not damaged by the fire. (NOTE: This only brick building in the block was a small building built by Jacob Steffan and J. G. Henniger, this building being torn down in 1956).

C. BRUCK, groceries, loss in moving, \$100.00.

R. MARTIN, saloon, loss by moving \$500.00. Insurance only on fixtures.

GEORGE HOFFMAN, baker, loss \$300.00. No insurance.

JOHN HAZEL, shoemaker, loss by moving \$100.00.

B. BIBES, barber, loss by moving \$100.00. Insured for \$200.00.

JAMES DIXON (colored) livery stable, loss \$3,000.00 on three

buildings and 1000 bushels of corn. No insurance. His horses and carriages were moved out in time.

F. H. BAILEY, loss on building \$600.00. No insurance (this man was Mayor at one time).

A. W. LITTIG, conductor on the H. & T. C. Railroad occupied a room in the Bailey building. He saved all personal property of his.

J. E. BISHOP FAMILY (Bishop was an attorney). This family had just moved into this block within the past two days (December 22, 1883) lost everything and barely escaped with their lives.

The supposition was that the fire was the work of an arsonist. H. K. Davis, town banker, sustained a light loss on his building across the street from the intense heat.

The buildings occupied by J. C. Lipscomb, Cohen and R. Martin Saloons were owned by Mrs. Eugenie Steffan. These buildings were insured for \$3500.00.

HEARNE, 1894

There are about a half dozen telephones in Hearne, having connections for the most part with various plantations in the Brazos Bottom from five to sixteen miles distant.

A Mr. Wagner ran the Van Noy Interstate Company lunch counter and dining room at the Union Passenger Depot.

HEARNE, 1894

Sam Brown, constable of Hearne, shot and killed a Negro, Lad Gilbert, on the corner of Magnolia Street and Fourth Street between the P. & M. State Bank corner and the Butler-Grimes Store Building.

HEARNE, 1892

A cotton seed oil mill was established in Hearne in 1892. It crushed annually from 10,000 to 13,000 tons of cotton seed, and supplied feed for about 900 to 1800 head of cattle.

HEARNE, 1894

In 1894 there were three general blacksmith, carriage and wagon repair shops in Hearne alone with one woodworking shop for the making of builder's supplies.

HEARNE, 1895

In 1895 the Hearne compress handled 78,000 bales of cotton. This compress was built by the McFadden Company of Philadelphia and Mr. George W. King was the supervisor when the compress was improved during this time.

HEARNE, 1895

During this year there were more than 25 new residences erected in Hearne. Seven or eight new brick business houses were also built during this year.

A bottling plant was established in 1895 in Hearne and did an extensive business in the manufacture of carbonated drinks from Hearne's fine artesian water. It was said by old Hearne citizens that since artesian water has been used for general purposes, the health of the people has greatly improved. There is a private natatorium — swimming pool that is — in Hearne at the Westbrook home on Cedar Street, but no public one of the kind.

BIG BRAZOS BRIDGE BELOW MUMFORD BUILT IN 1895

Back in 1895, the contractors had just finished a bridge across Big Brazos River below Mumford. This bridge, costing \$18,000.00 had opened up a nearer way for the people on the edges of Burleson and Milam Counties to the railhead.

Consequently, it was of great help to the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad because all of the cotton and other crops raised in that section was brought to Mumford and shipped to Hearne over the H. & B. V. Railroad.

HEARNE, 1896

Lodges located in Hearne in 1896; The Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Honor, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. The Loyal Temperance Legion, a juvenile organization, also had a large membership.

HEARNE, 1896

A special school tax is levied in 1896. Hearne had two public schools. The school for white children was taught in an eight room two-story building located on Magnolia Street at the corner of Bradford Street. There was an enrollment of 400 pupils and Professor Jacob E. Cook was the superintendent of public schools. The school for Negro children was also housed in a new building and Professor W. E. Grubbs, colored, was the principal.

In addition to the large public free schools in 1896, there was a large industrial boarding school for Negroes, called the Hearne Academy. Professor M. H. Broiles, a Negro educator, was the president of this institution and he had six instructors to assist with the school.

HEARNE, 1896

6,000 bales of local cotton were shipped out of Hearne in 1896. The business section consists almost entirely of one and two-story brick buildings. There is a National Bank and a good private bank also. Other business houses in Hearne are; four dry goods stores, eight grocery stores, two hardware and implement houses, two furniture stores, three drug stores, a dozen saloons, four hotels, four restaurants, two millinery shops, three lumber yards and three livery stables.

Twelve doctors, six lawyers and a dentist were also practicing in Hearne in 1896.

HEARNE, 1896

"NEGRO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SHOT"

Hal Giger, a Negro Justice of the Peace of Hearne during the "Carpet-Bagger" days, was shot and killed by O. D. Cannon, a white lawyer.

Cannon also shot and killed Albert Bishop, Hearne City Marshal, Cannon later shot and killed a man school teacher at Franklin, Texas and was given a pen sentence. After serving his time, he later practiced law in Houston where he died.

HEARNE, SEPTEMBER 4, 1912

The first auto delivery service in Hearne began on this date when there arrived in the city a bright, pretty, new delivery car bearing the name of R. R. Cole who had just opened a grocery store. The new vehicle was a 20 horse power Ford and was said to have been a beauty.

EARLY HEARNE SALOONS

"When I first come to Hearne," an old timer remarked, "it weren't nothin' but a waterwell with a ring of saloons around it."

It is pretty certain that a tent saloon was Hearne's first retail house and very possible that another was its second, for everywhere the railroad was, the wet-goods merchants were sure to be.

Joe Lambert's is the earliest recorded permanent saloon. Rhode's Cotton Exchange Saloon was a classic example of the 19th century saloon. Other establishments in Hearne were Jim McNutt's OK, Tom Simmon's, Cohen's, Charley Later's, and I. D. Hall's, the latter being the town's largest.

The construction-camp followers may have dealt principally in popskull and snake-head whiskey but the later saloons carried better stuff, a fortunate thing for that part of the populace that didn't have copper-plated stomachs. Hearne and the Brazos Valley produced a more discriminating class of drinker than their Wild West contemporaries in the "typical Texas."

Rather than ride a mustang up to the bar and roar for White Mule laced with centipedes, a Hearnite was more likely to quietly order bourbon neat, twenty-year stock if available.

Even in the days before the Volstead Act gave us Al Capone, bathtub gin, and other blessings of Prohibition, the saloon was frequently branded a den of iniquity. However, some of the rules the Hearne saloons operated under would be considered prudish at the present time. Women were not allowed to tend bar and minors were not permitted on the premises.

The saloon is gone, replaced by the package store and the auto-

mobile. Unlike many superceded institutions, it holds one advantage over its successor:

Even in the grip of a three-day spree,
You can't drive a bar-room into a tree.
Progress has a reverse gear and frequently uses it.

HEARNE, 1913

The great flood of 1913 was in September of that year. Old timers say that this flood caused greater damage than the 1921 flood.

Only about 40% of the cotton crop that existed before the 1913 flood was harvested. This cotton when ginned still contained quite a bit of Williamson County black mud in it and the color of the cotton was very dark. The cotton was of a very poor grade after the flood and the price was low. Farmers suffered greatly from this flood.

HEARNE FACTS IN 1915

J. Felton Lane was Editor of the Hearne Democrat.

The Secretary of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce was Mrs. Fannie Reese Pugh.

Robert Cyrus Allen was Mayor of Hearne.

HEARNE, 1915

Prohibition had been voted in some of the towns in Robertson County in 1915 and the following poem condemning Hearne and Mumford was published:

Farewell to the open saloon,
Why have we tolerated you so long?
You had built in our midst an awful den,
And blighted the prospects of many men.
Mothers and wives in deepest despair
Have the burdens of shame to bear.
Farewell to the open saloon,
Den of the vice that thrives in the slum,
The pride of the thief, gambler and bum.
We consign you to the places that love you so well,
Mumford, Hearne and h.....

HEARNE, 1915

Farmers were receiving 10c per pound for cotton when given in exchange for merchandise. Cotton seed hulls were being sold at \$7.00 per ton and cotton seed meal at \$1.40 per hundred pound sack. Fertilizers were selling at \$5 per ton. Adult tickets to local movies were 20c and children tickets were 10c. Such movies (no talkies yet) as "The Perils of Pauline" were the rage. White Spanish peanuts were a paying crop in 1915.

TWO MAN COURT

Back in the early days of Hearne, Judge Albert G. Cobb was the

Justice of the Peace and Sam Brown was the Constable. Things were pretty rough in Hearne in those days and the local courts were kept busy. Justice had to be meted . . . fast.

The old timers say that the Justice Court was run along these lines:

Constable Sam Brown would make an arrest and present his prisoner to Judge Cobb for a court hearing. When the Constable would enter the court room with his prisoner Judge Cobb would say, "\$14.95 — what did you say he did Sam?" If the prisoner would plead not guilty, Judge Cobb would say, "Not guilty! You can't do that. Why do you think Sam brought you in here if you were not guilty?" The old saying went that Sam would not have brought them in if they were not GUILTY. So the story goes . . .

OLD I. & G. N. SWIMMING HOLE

Many Hearnites will remember the old swimming hole on Little Brazos River just southwest of Hearne. The old I. & G. N. hole was located between the railroad bridge and the Highway 79 bridge. There were some old cut off bridge piling located in the center of the swimming hole and the boys of the town constructed diving boards from the tops of the old pilings. A large pecan tree with huge branches extending over the "deep" end of the hole afforded perches of all heights from which the boys could do some "high diving."

The farmers were most considerate in planting their watermelon patches between town and the swimming hole. This made it easy for the boys to swipe a few melons to be taken to the river and cooled off before eating. After the swim and a game of "Bully-Gator," the boys would enjoy a watermelon feast and then the big watermelon rind fight would begin.

The colored boys also had a swimming hole at Little Brazos. This hole was located about 200 yards from the white boy's swimming hole . . . downstream.

Fond memories still remain with the old timers of the enjoyable swims, watermelon rind fights, and other incidents that took place at the old "I. & G. N. Swimming Hole."

OLD NEGRO CHURCH BELLS

There is nothing more peaceful than hearing the clear ringing of the bells of the Negro churches of Hearne. These bells are rung on Sunday mornings to alert the members to the morning church services. These bells can be heard throughout Hearne.

However, in and around Hearne, the colored churches continue a custom once followed by the white churches of the south. When a member of one of the colored churches passes into the great beyond, a slow tolling of the church bell lets one and all know that one of our old-time colored citizens has passed away.

These bells are also rung on New Year's Eve . . . ringing out the old, ringing in the new.

"JIMTOWN"

During the 1890's, from Easterwood Street to Riley Street between Davis Street and East Fourth Street, practically every person living in Hearne in that area had the first name of Jim. According to old timers, that section of Hearne was called "Jimtown" for several years.

WAITING FOR "THE JACK"

Back in the old days when the road to the Brazos Bottom out of Hearne was nothing more than a cow trail and too muddy for travel on most occasions, the planters that lived in Hearne and had farming interest in the bottom would ride the mixed train that made two round trips daily over the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad. This railroad was owned and operated by Hearne planters and businessmen. The mixed train that made the trip twice daily from Hearne to Stone City was affectionately known as "The Jack." Frank Hostrasser, Charley Hostrasser, and W. D. "Baldy" Terry were the first railroad men to operate this train: Charley Hostrasser being the conductor, Frank Hostrasser the brakeman, and "Baldy" Terry the engineer.

Most of the planters, business men, and those going along just for the ride, would board "The Jack" at the corner of Brown and Magnolia Streets. At that time the tracks of the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad came into Hearne on Brown Street. A large oak tree on the corner of this intersection furnished shade for the waiting passengers who would gather at this spot sometime before train time for conversation. Among the planters and business men using this railroad service in the 1890's and the early 1900's were: Charles G. "Big Charley" Wood, Captain T. C. Westbrook, B. W. Beckham, Lewis W. Carr, Fred L. Wood, H. B. Easterwood, Stone White, B. W. Beckham Jr. (Bev), W. T. Watt, the Aldredge family, P. L. Brady Sr., Emmett Rhode, Paley A. Reed Sr., Warren A. Wilkerson, W. P. Ferguson, Robert A. Allen, Jud H. Collier, T. D. Wilson, W. H. Davison, A. B. Boyd, the McQueen family, the Astins, William Crenan, Dr. H. W. Cummings, J. Felton Lane, and many others.

The old oak tree on this corner weathered the ravages of time and other enemies until the spring of 1958 when it died and was removed by city workmen.

At the time the tree was removed many remarks were heard from the old timers of Hearne that had spent many hours on the corner of Brown and Magnolia Streets under the old oak tree waiting for "The Jack."

AN EDITORIAL

Old timers of Hearne will recall the following editorial which appeared in the Hearne Democrat February 2, 1912:

MALE GOSSIPS

We have some male bipeds in Hearne — things in britches — we won't call them men — who can make the female variety of gossipier take a back seat.

It has always been considered that this particular form of diversion belonged to the fair sex: but we have some examples of the male gossip in Hearne who "have taken the play away" from the most expert women gossipiers and who can "give them cards and spades" and then beat them at the game.

There is one particular he-gossiper in Hearne who has started false and scandalous stories on at least a half dozen men in the town, and on several innocent girls. . . .

Fortunately no one traces a report any further than to this source.

There are several others who will quit their work in order to aid in spreading something scandalous about some one.

Such a man is beneath the contempt of any decent citizen.

Many killings and much unhappiness is caused by these human vultures.

Almost every day we hear of some new scandal on some persons and it occurred to the writer that possibly this paper should say a word on the subject.

There are some long-tongued women in every town whose chief occupation is scandalizing other women, but in this town they get their principal material from their husbands.

We hope the fathers and male relatives of the girls scandalized may take the view that the usual shotgun remedy is a waste of ammunition on the kind of cattle guilty of this practice, and will use nothing more than an axe-handle or a hickory club.

"BLACKKEYED PEAS"

There is an old folksong that goes something like this . . .

"Dose blackeyed peas is lucky,
When et on New Yars Day,
You allus have sweet 'taters,
And 'possum cum yo're way."

Most folks in Hearne and the south believe this and that is why on New Year's Day in the southern states you will find blackeyed peas on the family tables of the rich and the poor and also on most restauarnt menus.

This superstition is as old as the South. No one really knows when it started, but according to folklore authorities it was brought to America by the Negro slaves.

The blackeyed pea that folks in the South enjoy so much — long has been common in Africa, Asia and Europe. During the early days in the South the Negroes believed they would have good things to eat all year if they made a meal of "hogs head" and blackeyed peas on the first day of January.

Still another belief was that "you would have as many dollars as you have peas to eat." This custom soon became general over the whole South but it is not altogether a Southern custom as some restaurants in the East serve blackeyed peas to their customers each New Year's Day.

WOLF DUNN

As late as 1916, "Wolf" Dunn, son of Jim Dunn of Wheelock, was seen on many occasions driving seven yoke of oxen to a wagon hauling cotton seed hulls and meal from the Hearne oil mill to Wheelock. "Wolf" Dunn was featured with his oxen in the big parade of the old Cotton Palace Fair held annually in Waco.

MILLICENT WARD BOUNDS "MONKEY STORY"

Millicent Ward Bounds, a former old time citizen of Hearne, tells the following story concerning a monkey on Easterwood Street in Hearne.

Millicent Ward Bounds was born and reared in Hearne and her home was located on Easterwood Street. One of the neighbors in that section of town owned a pet monkey. This same neighbor owned several pigs which were kept in a pen near his home. The neighbor wondered why his pigs did not fatten. He was feeding them on corn and other grain. One moonlight night he chanced to go to his pig pen and he found out why his pigs were so lean. The pet monkey would climb on top of the pig pen fence and would jump on one of the pigs' back and ride it like a horse. When the pig would get tired and over its fright, the monkey would mount another pig and continue the ride. The neighbor found out why his pigs remained as lean as a race horse. The story continues that this same monkey met his fate when one night he roamed over to the Griffin home in this same area of town and the late Thornton P. "Chief" Griffin shot him when he was in the act of stealing butter out of the Griffins' churn.

"HUB" BOUNDS REMEMBERS 1913 FLOOD

"Hub" Bounds, former citizen of Hearne and now of Baytown, Texas, remembers the flood of 1913 in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. "I remember two Mexicans who wanted to save somebody. They couldn't speak a word of English but through an interpreter we learned that Mrs. Mary Hanna and two of the Hanna children were trapped by flood waters in a plantation home in the Brazos Bottom. Several men got into a boat to go to the rescue of Mrs. Hanna and the children. The two Mexicans got into another boat and before we

had gone far we realized that those two rascals knew more about handling a boat than the rest of us put together. The efforts of those two Mexicans were very instrumental in saving Mrs. Hanna and the children. During this same flood, Dr. Mateer went down the river on a skiff and it turned over spilling him into the flood waters. He managed to swim to a tree and lived to die in bed. The same thing happened to Glenny Martin. He spent some time in a tree before he was rescued. A telephone company lineman accompanied me on a rescue trip near the embankment of the old Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad. We had a hand line and we took turns about swimming across Little Brazos River to take the line to some Negroes who were marooned on the other side, and who were clinging to the embankment for dear life. I took the line over and one of the victims was a Negro girl weighing about 300 pounds. We had to snub the hand line under a bridge rail to get this victim across and before the ordeal was over, we nearly all drowned."

HEARNE, 1916

"WHISKEY PETE"

According to a story by old timers, after Prohibition was adopted in the eastern end of Robertson County, Hearne remained wet. Daily over the I. & G. N. Railroad the passenger train that came through Hearne then on to Franklin, arriving at Franklin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon was dubbed "Whiskey Pete" by the Franklinites as most of the boys from Franklin would be at the depot in Franklin to receive their "wet" goods from the train, the "wet" goods having been shipped from Hearne.

HEARNE, 1919

Hearne's American Legion Post was named in honor of Miles Scriviner, a Hearne soldier who died from illness during World War I.

HEARNE, 1919

The contract was let for the erection of the new school building located on the corner of Magnolia and Bradford Streets, this being the first brick building to be built by the public school system. The contract price was \$56,000.00 and the contractor was Fisher & Lambie of Austin, Texas.

HEARNE, 1928

On October 10, 1928, the RS-1, world's largest semi-rigid dirigible from Scott Field Illinois, flying to San Antonio for the National American Legion Convention, circled over Hearne for thirty minutes at 4 o'clock in the morning.

The dirigible flew very low and slowly near the passenger depot and compress, and its lights could be plainly seen. According to the

associated press, the ship was under the command of Captain William E. Keppler, winner of the 1928 Gordon Bennett balloon race, and carried a crew of sixteen men. It attracted quite a bit of attention here.

A VISIT IN THE HORATIO HEARNE HOME IN 1900

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It must have been in the summer of 1900 that our family went to Hearne for a visit. The town had been named for the Hearne family, early settlers in the Brazos River country. Christopher Columbus Hearne was my great grandmother's brother, and he and his cousins Ebenezer Hearne and Horatio Ransome Hearne were the first settlers in the Hearne area.

Horatio Hearne had married his cousin Priscilla Hearne, who was my grandmother's aunt. So Aunt Cilla and Uncle Rasche, as we called them, were my mother's great aunt and uncle, and it was their home we were to visit. They lived on a big plantation a few miles from town. I still have a vivid memory of the time spent there. This plantation was to me a story-book place; the big house, the Negroes and their quarters, the food, and father's experiment with electricity.

Uncle Rasche was a wealthy man for that day and the family lived accordingly. There were Negroes everywhere. I remember father saying soon after we arrived, "Mr. Hearne, this place is just like it was before the war." (Civil War).

"No," said Uncle Rasche, "I have to pay off the hands regularly, where before the war we provided them with whatever they needed. It would be hard to make these dam-yankees believe this but they had more then than they have now. Many of these same Negroes were here then and they know its true."

Uncle Rasche was very proud of his artesian well. Father was always interested in hydraulics and the windmills and all the latest equipment of that day. He said to Uncle Rasche, "Some day there will be electric pumps with which to draw the water." As usual, how right he was.

The house was a large two-story one, with big rooms and high ceilings. It was built entirely out of cedar lumber. Even after these many years it still had a cedar fragrance. The house was set in a grove of post oak trees with many rare plants and shrubs. Across the yard strolled Aunt Cilla's flock of peafowls, giving the place an impressive air and adding a splash of color.

Noon dinner was the important event of the day. I do not know how many cousins were there while we were, but there was a long table well filled and two or three side tables. Always there was fried chicken, chicken and dumplings, and ham. It was such a problem to

decide which you wanted. Some of the older boys took all three. As there was a large vegetable garden behind the house, every known vegetable was cooked, but the dessert was the most important to the children. There were peaches and cream, peach cobbler, blackberry pie, and watermelon. A Negro would bring the whole melons to the table and Uncle Rasch would stand up and cut a melon lengthwise in half. Then he would cut the halves and slice out the heart of the melon. One huge melon served only four, and if a melon was not perfect it was sent from the table. Uncle Rasche would hand the dehearted pieces of the melons to a Negro waiter for their children. There was always a crowd of Negro children outside the kitchen door waiting to be served their share of the melons.

My father must have taken a small Ruhmkorff coil with him on this visit, as he gave many demonstrations with electricity. There was one trick that pleased the younger cousins and which he repeated time and time again. A large pan of water was slightly electrically charged and a dime placed in the bottom of the pan. The dime was given to the one that could pick it up. The younger cousins and some of the little Negro children were invited to try, but when their fingers touched the slightly electrically charged water they lost interest in trying to get the dime.

In the evenings, my father and Uncle Rasche would sit on the front porch and talk long after the others had retired. While father was a brilliant conversationalist, he was a good listener too. Uncle Rasche had no formal education, but he was a smart man and he could tell many interesting stories of the old South and of the early days in Texas.

One of these stories I remember hearing repeated concerned Uncle Rasche's experience during the yellow fever epidemic. Yellow fever was then called "Yellow Jack." After describing some of the horrors connected with such a scourge, Uncle Rasche ended his narration by saying, "Mr. Heyer, I know it ain't catchin'. We are told to burn all blankets or quilts that have been used by a victim, but that ain't necessary. A man rode up here one night, threw his blankets on this porch, and died here. Before we had a chance to burn his blankets two men sat on those blankets and both of them escaped the fever. I've seen people sleep together and one had it and the other didn't. I don't know where this dread disease comes from, but I've proved it ain't catchin'."

Years later, when the mosquito theory was proven, my father recalled Uncle Rasche's statements.

TEXAS FOX HUNTERS MEET IN HEARNE IN 1934

THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS ATTENDS

The Texas Fox Hunters Association met in Hearne at Camp Ed Wicks on November 5, 6, and 7, 1934.

The visiting hunters arrived, put up their tents and arranged for a comfortable and pleasant camping place for the meet. By the morning of the day before the first hunt was to begin there were several thousand hunters in camp listening to the baying of the hounds and speculating as to the outcome of the contests between many of the finest hound dogs in America.

The visiting hunters from over Texas and several other states expressed themselves as being delighted with the location of the campsite and the surrounding terrain. The camp was located east of Hearne in the postoak country.

Governor James V. Allred rode a paint pony as he led a large field of riders behind the largest field of derby dogs ever entered in this event, there being more than 300 dogs entered in the association's forty-second running of the all-age sweepstakes, this being the premier hunting event of the southwest. The hunters fairly outdid themselves spinning yarns about the chase, and Governor Allred thoroughly enjoyed the stories.

The first morning of the hunt, a pack of young hounds, all under two years old, was given its baptism in the art of fox chasing. They jumped a young grey fox within fifteen minutes after the master of hounds ordered leashes off at 6:15 a.m. The trail was picked up almost on top of the fox which was dining on persimmons and the race was brief but exciting. About forty hounds were up close when the fox, unable to make it to a place of safety, died as the leaders surged upon him. While the first race was in progress, a portion of the pack split off on another trail and ran for an hour before treeing. A young fox, the second jumped after the pack was loosed, gave twenty hounds and a number of riders a good race before the dogs closed in. Arriving at a dead run as the dogs crushed the life from their quarry, Governor Allred swung out of the saddle and succeeded in saving the brush and pelt practically undamaged. "I am going to have the skin mounted and save it as a trophy of my first fox hunt," the Governor said.

Camp Ed Wicks, named in honor of Ed Wicks of Bryan, was pitched in the center of 15,000 acres of sandy land with no house or wire fences, but with many spring branches and deep gulleys, thick postoak undergrowth, Yupon and Bamboo briar thickets, giving the fox plenty of protection.

Among the many notables attending the hunt was Horatio Hearne Adams, grandson of Horatio R. Hearne. At that time he was listed in the telephone directory in Washington, D.C. as H. H. Adams, but to the old timers around Hearne and to most of the veteran fox hunters in camp, he was known as Rasche Adams. At this time, Rasche Adams was 63 years old, but none of the young hunters outrode him. They were also glad to listen when he told yarns around the campfire. Rasche Adams was riding in this fox hunt in native

woods that he had ridden in when he was a young man. He was born not far from the campsite, of a pioneer family which settled in this section of Texas in the early 1850's. Round-eyed with the excitement of a youngster, Rasche Adams used to climb up behind Ed Wicks and ride with him at night through these same woods and thickets, following the Wicks' hounds in all-night races. When he got a little older, he was promoted to a horse of his own. Even though Mr. Adams had left Hearne and the country-side that he loved so much, to gain fame and fortune in the business and political world, his keen eyes twinkled as he fought the brush with his silver-ringed hunting horn slung from his shoulder. Three generations of his people had carried that horn. It's tone was mellow, and he could make it ring in all of the calls that a huntsman knows. He rode a big horse. "I must have butted down every squirrel nest I passed," he said to another rider as they stopped under a tree not a quarter of a mile from the ruins of a Civil War cotton mill and factory which his grandfather, Horatio Ransome Hearne, helped to build.

United States Senator Tom Connally, Hunter Wilson of Houston, and Louis Parnell of Hearne, who led Governor Allred to the kill on the first day's hunt, rode together as the group rode by the tumbled rock ruins where cotton goods were made to clothe the men in gray during the Civil War.

After the dust had settled at Camp Wicks, and all of the campfires that roared and crackled were but mounds of ashes, the hunters who talked against time in the firelight, forgetting to sleep, who rode stirrup to stirrup behind the hounds and were there when the fox was treed, had scattered from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande and through seven other states, a count showed among the thousand or so hunters attending the big hunt the following widely known guests: U. S. Senator Tom Connally, Governor James V. Allred and his son Jimmie, Judge John H. Sharp a member of the Texas Supreme Court, Phil H. Sanders Master of Hounds and former prominent member of the Texas Legislature, U. S. Congressman Kleberg, Dr. John R. Lister President of the Texas Fox Hunter's Association, Dr. George T. Veale of Dallas—charter member of the association, Eli Roseborough of Texarkana, Pete Reeves of Tyler, Robert Walker—a noted fox hunter and descendent of the founder of the Walker breed of fox hounds, Ed Wicks of Bryan, J. W. Elliott of Mexia, Secretary of the association, Penn Wolf an enthusiastic hunter from Cameron, Horatio Hearne Adams of Washington, D.C., L. H. Bush of Huntsville, and Wm. J. Tucker, head of the Texas Game and Oyster Commission.

Ronald Rohde of Hearne served as local chairman of arrangements for the hunt.

HEARNE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP

After Pearl Harbor and the United States became involved in World War II, it became necessary for the federal government to establish prisoner of war camps throughout the country.

Such a camp was built in Hearne during 1942-43. This camp was built in an area just west of the Hearne city limits. It was bounded on the east by the Vaughan Lane, on the west by Little Brazos River, on the north by State Highway No. 190, and on the south by Sandy Creek; an area of approximately 800 acres.

During the time of the construction of the camp, all local labor was put to work and quite a number of other workers and skilled mechanics came to Hearne to work on this project. Housing became quite a problem with every apartment and rent house filled to capacity and lots of home garages were utilized as living quarters along with many mobile trailer houses.

Three prisoner of war compounds were constructed, each compound being divided from the others by tall barbed wire fences. The entire compound area was also fenced in with barbed wire. At the corner of each compound area, elevated guard towers equipped with searchlights and machine guns, were constructed and a twenty-four hour guard squad was on duty. A fully equipped hospital was constructed and operated by a full staff of doctors and nurses.

Most of the barrack buildings were 20 feet by 100 feet dimensions, cheaply built frame construction with concrete floors. The studs in the building were exposed and black tar paper was placed on the outside walls. All of the buildings were made comfortable with modern gas heating. Bath houses and sanitary toilet facilities were provided. Gravel walkways and roadways were constructed throughout the compound area as well as main roadways in the entire camp-site.

Outside of the compound area, barracks were constructed for the United States military personnel, these buildings being the same type of construction as the ones used by the prisoners of war. These barracks buildings were often referred to as "Black Beauties" on account of the black tar paper placed on the outside walls.

Living quarters for the commanding officer of the camp were constructed near the main entrance along State Highway No. 190. Immediately next to this building the commissioned officers' club building was built. Both of these buildings were of frame construction and were well built with all necessary facilities. The officers' club building was used for social gatherings of the military personnel along with civilian guests and was provided with a large dance floor, large dining area, and fully equipped kitchen.

A complete system of utilities was constructed, which included a deep well water supply and distribution lines, a well equipped water pumping plant, an overhead water storage tank, a ground water

storage tank, and a complete sanitary sewer system including a disposal plant.

Early in 1943, upon the completion of the construction of this camp, an announcement that the first group of German prisoners would soon arrive created quite a bit of excitement among the local people. When the day arrived for the first trainload of prisoners to reach Hearne, the roadways leading from the outskirts of town to the main entrance of the camp were lined with curious citizens waiting to get a good look at the German prisoners of war. The prisoners were unloaded from trains on the Southern Pacific Railroad near the intersection of State Highways Nos. 6 and 190 and were marched to the camp site down Highway 190 under heavy military guard. This first group of prisoners were former members of General Rommel's Afrika Korps and arrived in Hearne still wearing the clothes they had on when captured several weeks previous. Bloodstains were still visible on the clothes of those prisoners who had been wounded during the fighting in North Africa.

Upon arrival at the camp, the prisoners were checked in, allowed to take baths, and issued new clothing with the letters PW stamped in large print on the back. This was necessary in order that prisoners of war could better be identified. Those needing medical attention were placed in the camp hospital.

Due to the shortage of farm labor, some of the prisoners were used in the cotton fields around Hearne and the Brazos Bottom for cotton chopping and cotton picking. They were paid for this work in the form of credit that could be spent for any article desired at the camp operated store. Most of these prisoners had never seen cotton in the fields before and it took some time before they became very efficient in cotton picking. Other prisoners were used in labor groups around the camp in the building of roads and other jobs.

It was quite a sight to see several hundred of the German prisoners of war lined up on the streets of Hearne awaiting transportation to the cotton fields. Many of the prisoners were skilled workmen in other lines such as mechanics, artists, engineers, and architects. Some of the handwork of these prisoners was on occasions viewed by Hearne people who marvelled at their skill. Complete replicas of old German castles and estates were built by the prisoners out of rocks and any other material available. These replicas were complete down to the windmills and moats. A rock sun dial, that kept perfect time, was also constructed by one group while others built statues and amphitheaters using the German theme in construction.

Some of the German prisoners had been to America before the war and were caught up in Hitler's army when they went back to Germany on visits. On many occasions, brothers and sisters of the prisoners who had become naturalized American citizens were allowed to visit at the camp during prescribed visiting hours. On one

such occasion, it was reported that after one of the anti-Nazi prisoners had been visited by a relative, he was killed by the pro-Nazi group, being suspected of being a "stool pigeon" by this group. A cemetery was provided by the U. S. Government in connection with this camp and thirteen graves marked this site at the end of World War II.

At full capacity, this camp housed approximately 8000 prisoners. During the early part of 1945, one compound was cleared of German prisoners and filled with Japanese prisoners that were reported to have been captured on Iwo Jima Island.

A chapel was built at the camp and in addition to the regular chaplain, visiting ministers and priests looked after the religious activities of both the prisoners of war and the military personnel located at the camp.

After the close of World War II, all of the prisoners were removed from this camp. The U. S. Government declared the entire camp and facilities surplus property and it was offered for sale. There were over two hundred buildings in this camp and they were sold to other government agencies and to the general public. Several of the buildings were bought by Hearne people and moved into town where they were converted into homes. The hospital area was used for a while by the colored school children at the campsite and later moved into town to the school lands where they continued to be used.

The City of Hearne purchased 292 acres of the camp land and all utilities which were connected to the city's existing system. The commanding officer's headquarters building and the officers' club building were purchased by the local American Legion Post to be used in place for headquarters for this organization.

All that remains today of the Hearne Prisoner of War Camp to remind Hearne people of the grim days of World War II is the crumbling foundations of the buildings that housed the prisoners and the few buildings that have been kept in good repair for public use.

ECHOES FROM THE HEARNE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP

The following letters were received by the authors of this book from an ex-prisoner of war from Germany who was interned at the Hearne Prisoner of War Camp during World War II and from a DP (displaced person) in the Western Zone of Germany:

Berlin-Spandau,
Ackerstr 5, bei May,
Germany, British Zone
January 18, 1948

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty to write to you today. I was a POW in America from June 1943 to January 1946, during which time I had a chance to live and work for a longer period near your town (Hearne, Texas).

Although it has been very hard sometimes I like to recall the past because I had an opportunity to see a good deal and learned to understand the American way of living.

Only four months ago I was discharged from a POW Camp in England where I had been taken to after I left the states in 1946. You will certainly be able to imagine that I find it very hard to get used to the living conditions in a defeated Germany and a rubbled Berlin. A severe shortage of all daily necessities is prevailing. In addition to this I have to deplore the loss of my father who was taken prisoner by the Russians and of whom I have not yet received a sign of life. Therefore, I got to assist my mother and sister who live in the Russian Zone, with my meager rations because they find it unable to live on the rations they are allowed.

But I will not further complain. It is only my wish to keep in contact with the western hemisphere, and I wonder if you could help me. To improve my English I should like to open a correspondence with a young lady or a family. I am thirty years old and a clerk by profession. I should be very grateful if you could help me herein.

Should there be a well-to-do family who would like to give some material help in form of a Care Parcel to an ex-Pow suffering want, I should be much obliged for your kind meditation.

Thanking you for your troubles, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Karl-Heinz Theiler

Kiel, Germany

August 8, 1949

Dear Sir:

At first I beg your pardon for disturbing. We are from that kind of people who have lost home and everything, called DP's (Displaced Persons). By a chance I got a newspaper with your address.

Dear Sir, I have a big request to you. Would you be so kind please and could you help us to find a new home and job in your big free country? I mean with a help by your newspaper.

At home I was a bookkeeper and a specialist in handing a counting machine, Dalton, for 15 years. My husband was a manager in a firm trading in radio and electric articles and besides he was a superintendent in our house and three others.

We fully understand that U. S. A. needs only general workers. We can't choose in a foreign country, but we should be glad of every work. We are two persons, I and my husband (without children) 42 and 48 of age. We should be glad to get a job in a factory, hotel, hospital, store, etc. or my husband could work as a housekeeper, watchman, transport worker, we don't fear from the work. I could also work as a cleaner in a school, office, college, etc. The only one is, please not in a farm. We are from the town and have not knowledge in farming.

We should be very grateful for your kind help in any way in our present unenviable position. You know how cruel is our fate.

Sorry, but at present we can't compensate for your expenses, but should be very happy to do it after our arriving in Hearne and by receiving our first salary.

We are hoping to expect some good news soon. With our very best thanks in advance, we remain,

Yours truly,

(Signed) V. A. Briedis

Baltic States Camp 38, Kiel-Friedricksozt,
Fritz-Reuterst, Germany

This family later secured employment in the United States and is now making its home in Pennsylvania.

GERMAN P. O. W. RETURNS TO TEXAS

Wilhelm Sauerbrei, looking more like an oberleutnant in the Luftwaffe than a Frankfort railroad engineer, stepped onto Houston, Texas soil with a big grin on September 13, 1957.

He had returned to Houston at the right time — cotton picking time in Texas. "Let me show you something," he grinned at a reporter of the Houston Chronicle as he pulled a legal looking document from inside his snappy, gold-trimmed-eagle-crested uniform. The reporter looked at the document, which had two shots of a grim-looking trooper attached. It was Sauerbrei as a younger man, and the document was his "discharge" as a prisoner of war of the Americans.

"I was lance-corporal with Rommell," he laughed. Captured in Africa in 1943, I was brought to Houston, Texas, then to the Prisoner of War Camp at Hearne, Texas and put to picking cotton."

"Darned if they didn't pay us for it — 80c a day! Man, that was eight beers or eight packs of cigarettes!"

Of course, said Sauerbrei, the payment was in "script," but it could be spent at the POW post exchange, and he and all other POW's each took \$50 back to Germany with them.

"We called that \$50 the economic miracle of West Germany in post-war days," he said. "It helped save the country, all that money brought home by POW's!"

Sauerbrei, who enjoyed picking cotton, said he also did other work — for 80c a day, naturally — and dined well as a POW.

"You must have had it pretty easy," the reporter commented.

"I'll tell you, pal," Sauerbrei said confidentially, "if there is ever another war, get on the side that America ain't, then get captured by the Americans, — you'll have it made!"

SKETCHES FROM THE LIFE OF DR. HORACE BISHOP

Dr. Horace Bishop was born in Montgomery County, Virginia, August 19, 1843. He was the son of William Phelps Bishop and La-

vina Schoolfield Bishop. His parents were married in 1828. For her day, his mother was a well educated woman, having taught in the schools in Lynchburg, Virginia. Mrs. Bishop was Scotch-Irish and Mr. Bishop was English. Dr. Horace Bishop was one of ten children in his family, five boys and five girls. His father was a mechanic by trade and in those days this work included the making of barrels that were used in shipping freight down the James River on flat boats. Mrs. Bishop taught her husband William to read and write and arithmetic, and in his young manhood he was awarded an M. A. Degree from Emory and Henry College located in southwestern Virginia. William Bishop later became a distinguished linguist as well as a Methodist preacher. Neighbors began to send their children to him for private instruction, and after many years in this way he started an academy on his own at Lebanon, Virginia. After teaching during the week and preaching on Sunday for four years in Lebanon, he moved his family to Saltville, Washington County, Virginia where the family lived for seven years. Mr. William Bishop preached for 38 years and never missed an engagement.

In 1860, William Bishop was elected president of the Palestine Female College, Palestine, Texas and the family moved to Palestine during February of the same year. It took three weeks to make the trip by rail, steamer, and hired hack. Palestine at that time was a small town of 1500 population. The I. & G. N. Railroad depot now stands where the Bishop's first home was in Palestine.

Dr. Horace Bishop's early education was practically all under the instruction of his father and by the time he was 12 years old he had read Caesar, Cicero, and Sallust's "History of the Jugurthan Wars." He was also coached in reading by his two brothers J. H. and John E. Bishop, who both later became very successful teachers. Dr. Horace Bishop's formal schooling ended in 1860. He began work in a drug store in Palestine, but continued to study at night. From his job in the drug store he went into the army, joining Captain Gardner's Company, in 1861. In April of 1862 he served in Captain Tucker's Company as a Confederate soldier. During his stay in the army he fought in the following battles: Milliken's Bend, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill and Jenkins Ferry, being seriously wounded at the battle of Jenkins Ferry.

The close of the Civil War left Dr. Bishop without employment. He taught school in Butler, Texas a village that had been settled by Alabamians just prior to the Civil War. In 1867 he was licensed to preach and joined the conference at Springfield, Texas in November 1868. Springfield was a little town on the Navasota River and was the county seat of Limestone County. Dr. Bishop's first appointment was to the Fairfield circuit and his salary was \$100 a year. His equipment was a pair of saddle bags, Bible, hymn book, and a good horse. Seldom was a Methodist preacher seen with a poor horse.

Dr. Bishop liked to tell the story concerning the old Methodist

preacher Brother Axley, a circuit riding preacher. It seems that a rattlesnake had bitten Bill Beavers and he was about to die, and so the old Methodist preacher was sent for to come and pray for the victim. The old preacher knelt by the bed of Bill Beavers and prayed as follows: "Oh God, I thank thee for rattlesnakes. We especially praise thee for this rattlesnake that bit Bill Beavers. We pray thee to send another rattlesnake to bite old Mrs. Beavers and one for each of their children. AND, Oh God, send the biggest rattlesnake in the Allegheny Mountains to bite old man Beavers — for nothing in the world but rattlesnakes has ever brought one of the Beavers family to prayer." Bill Beavers recovered.

During the conference of 1870 which was held in Waxahachie, Texas, Dr. Bishop was appointed to Hearne and Sutton Stations and the following is his account of his work in Hearne. . . .

"I did not know where Hearne or Sutton was. I was told to go and find my job. I had no missionary appropriation and my predecessor gave me no information as to the work as I had no predecessor. It was positively new. I mounted "Ku Klux" my faithful horse and started down the road, inquiring as I went where the places were. Sutton was nothing but a railroad switch. Hearne was a wide open town, new, with a population consisting of half a dozen Brazos Bottom cotton planters, merchants, and railroad hands.

There was no church organization of any description. There was no church building, nor school house. I was there with \$35.00 left over from the preceeding year, and nobody to appeal to for help. Drunkenness, gambling, and their accompanying vices were rife. I stopped at the only hotel, and put my horse in a livery stable. I registered at the hotel as Horace Bishop, Methodist Minister.

Three women came to see me the first day. They were sisters and very rich. They gave me very little encouragement. One of them, Mrs. Wash Hearne, had been a Methodist but her membership was held at Port Sullivan, twenty miles from where she lived. Mrs. Charles Lewis' membership was also at Port Sullivan. The other one, Aunt Rhoda, had membership in Louisiana. I had no stewards, no officials of any description, but I had to do something.

I continued to stay at the hotel but knew my \$35.00 would soon be gone. One day while eating dinner, one of the saloon keepers and owner of a gambling dive, sitting at the dinner table opposite me said, "Parson, it looks like they can't run you out of town." I replied, "I didn't know anybody was trying to run me out of town."

"Haven't you heard those guns firing at night under your window?" I said, "Yes, but I thought you were shooting one another. I knew you all needed killing."

"Well, Parson," he said, "these men have sworn that you shan't stay here."

I said, "You're the biggest set of cowards I ever saw. I'm not

brave one bit. If one of you had the courage to face me and tell me to leave town, I suppose I would have gone, but now I'm not afraid of the whole "Kerpoodle." I'll stay here just as long as I want to."

He said, "Well, I've about concluded that a fellow that don't know when we're trying to run him out of town is apt to stay. So if you want any more shooting or cussin done, you just call on old Joe Lambert. I'll attend to the job for you. You won't have to shoot anybody."

I replied, "Don't mistake me, I'm not afraid of you or any of your bunch."

He laughed and said, "What can I do for you?"

"Find me a place to preach."

He said, "I got no place except my saloon. I'll clean up the upstairs and let you preach there Sunday, if you want to."

So the next Sunday, I preached in Joe Lambert's Saloon. While I was preaching, someone was yelling, "Half a dollar on the outside, half a dollar on the inside, Keno."

I said, "Lambert, can't you stop that interruption of my preaching?"

Lambert replied, "I can't stop my business, They won't do anything. Just go on with your preaching."

I don't know what became of Lambert. He soon left town. He was among the first friends I found in Hearne.

In that saloon, I preached for several weeks. Every business house in town had whiskey for sale. I had found two men that had been Methodist and were willing to go with me in an effort to organize. They were nice, gentlemanly men. One of them was Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson, who had been a zealous Methodist before he came to Hearne. The other was Nathan Kilgore. He had also been a Methodist. I had known his family in Virginia and he became my fast friend.

With the help of a few men like these, a school house was built. The day after the school was finished, I announced on the streets that I would preach Sunday in the school house, and organize a Sunday School. In the meantime I had gotten acquainted with the Hearne family, who had been zealous members in Louisiana, but had nothing to do with the church now. They were near relatives of Ebenezer Hearne, the Alabama pioneer. They were kind to me, but the men of the family ignored religion. However, one of them, Wash Hearne, had given Brother Whipple \$100 to come down from Port Sullivan and baptize his wife when he thought she was going to die. That showed his generosity.

On the Sunday after the school was finished, I preached in the morning and announced that the organization of a Sunday School be postponed until the next Sunday. That night I preached again. Hitherto my congregation had been men. Now on Sunday night a

crowd of men and women thronged the service. I sang some old hymns and while I was singing, three ladies whom I had never seen before, came down the aisle and sat next to the front seat. They commenced singing the hymns with me. These were the first feminine voices that I had heard and when the service was over I asked the ladies for their church letters as I knew they were Methodist because they knew the old hymns without the book. When I lay down that night, I thought they were three of the most beautiful women that I had ever seen. They were real angels. The next day I got the three ladies church letters and enrolled Gideon Wilkerson and Nathan Kilgore and these members formed the nucleus for Hearne's first Methodist Church.

The next Sunday I organized a Sunday School, appointing Wilkerson as superintendent, Kilgore as teacher of the Bible Class, one of the ladies in charge of the girl's class, and I took the boys myself. The congregation was very liberal. When I remarked that we needed Sunday School books and supplies, Will Hearne and Miss Sally Powell donated the entire amount to make these purchases. I went to dinner with those ladies and married one of them later.

The next day I met Will Hearne. He said, "Look here! I thought that was a Union Sunday School?"

I said, "what business do you think I have down here organizing a Union Sunday School? I'm here on business."

He laughed and said, "I guess you are right."

A little later on Mr. Hearne met Dr. Carrington, who said, "Well, I thought this was a Union Sunday School. I am an Episcopalian."

Will Hearne said, "you better not tell that little preacher that. He'll tell you that either you are a damn fool or you think he's one. He's not down here for his health."

They all took it in good humor, and the Sunday School grew very rapidly.

Sometime in December of 1870 a messenger came to my room in the hotel telling me that I was wanted to conduct a funeral. A little child five or six years old had died. The funeral was four miles in the country. It was raining in torrents. I got on my horse and rode out there. I conducted the service in the house, but the rain was so heavy that we had to defer the burial until the next morning. The child was buried in the back of the garden as was customary in that day.

That was the home of Col. H. R. Hearne who was the wealthiest man and the leading planter in the Brazos Bottom country. After the funeral he said to me, "Parson, you must excuse me, I've got to go down to my plantation." I told him that if he didn't mind I would go with him. So I saddled my horse and we started off together. I challenged him for a walking horse race and my horse beat

his. We chatted on any subject that occurred to us but I distinctly avoided religion. Religion was a rare commodity in that section of Texas.

We reached his farm in the Brazos Bottom. I had never seen so splendid a farm; and in such splendid order. All the Negro cottages were in good condition. We rode over the place together as he gave directions to the superintendent or to the Negroes to whom he chanced to speak. He told me a great deal about cotton farming on the Brazos.

When we had gone over the plantation, he said, "Parson, I've got another farm up here that I've got to ride up to." I said, "All right, I'll go with you."

We went about a mile farther and came to another farm equally as fine as the first and in good condition.

After that, he said, "Parson, I've got another plantation above here, and I've bought some hogs. I've got to go up there and receive them and pay for them. They are to feed my Negroes on the plantation this winter." The hogs were on foot and had to be weighed and their net weight carefully estimated. He paid 5c a pound net weight. I got out a pencil and blank book and calculated the net weight of the hogs while Mr. Hearne and the owner of the hogs weighed them and turned them into another pen. When they were through weighing, Mr. Hearne said, "Parson, no sense in your going back to Hearne to that hotel. Go to my house; I'm able to take care of a preacher." He insisted and I went home with him.

At that time there were a great many Chinese laborers in the Brazos Bottom, and Mr. Hearne had two or three of them as servants at his house. When we reached his home he called to one of them and said, "Chow, take Mr. Bishop's horse." (I knew Mr. Hearne for fifty years and he never called me "Parson" another time).

He said, "Mr. Bishop, that room in my house is your room. That Chinaman is your servant. When the bell rings for the meals, don't wait for anybody to send for you. This is your home. No use to fool with hotels any longer."

I don't think that I have ever seen a happier woman than Mr. Hearne's wife. Then began an intimacy with the family of Mr. Hearne that continued for a lifetime. The Hearnese were a Methodist family to start with, and all the members ultimately became members of the church.

In later years Dr. Bishop conducted funeral services for Mrs. Hearne. He performed all of the marriage ceremonies for every member of the family that was married and conducted the funerals for every member of the family that passed away during his lifetime with the exception of Mr. Hearne.

Miss Sally Powell was a niece of Mrs. Horatio Ransome Hearne. I married Miss Sally Powell in Hearne April 11, 1872. This was the

origin of my intimacy with the Aldredge and Adams families, and others of that great connection.

On the 23rd of April, 1870, my mother died. This was while I was stationed in Hearne. I was on my way to see her when a messenger from Corsicana met me, bringing the news. She had lived with me after my return from the Civil War until I joined the Conference. Then she and my two sisters went from Butler to Corsicana."

Thus closes the year of hardship and triumph for the young Methodist preacher, Horace Bishop, through whose efforts Methodism was able to get a foothold in the rough and tumble days of the town of Hearne, Texas.

HEARNE'S GREAT FLOODS

1899

There is an old Negro saying that goes like this: "When it rains in June at night, we is goin' to have a flood."

Whether this is the truth or just an old Negro saying, the fact remains that late in June of 1899 it began to rain one night and before it had stopped three days later, over 23 inches of rain had fallen in the area just east of Hearne, causing torrents of flood water to flow into Hearne and bank up against the roadbed of the H. & T. C. Railroad for several miles.

Old timers tell of the great damage this rain caused in the Blackjack and Sutton area, washing out all crops and roadways. Otis Banks tells of the great hardship encountered in getting to Hearne from Blackjack after the rain. He said that it was not possible to travel by wagon or buggy as all of the roadways were completely destroyed. The only means of travel was by horseback and then a safe way had to be picked through the washed out area.

As the flood waters rushed into Hearne via Sandy Creek, Lost Creek and Pinoak Creek, and piled water up against the roadbed of the H. & T. C. Railroad from Sandy Creek to Sutton, a distance of about six miles, the roadbed finally gave way to the tremendous water pressure and the flood waters swiftly spread through the lower section of Hearne damaging land and property as it coursed its way toward Little Brazos River. These flood waters, carrying heavy silt and sand washed from the sandy land area east of Hearne, deposited as much as five feet of sand on good bottom lands just south of Hearne and overnight changed this land from rich loamy soil to sandy land. Anywhere in the south part of Hearne that excavations are made this five foot layer of sand is visible.

Great damage was suffered by the tracks of the H. & T. C. Railroad. No trains were able to arrive or depart from Hearne for thirty days until the damaged roadbed could be restored. Old timers who viewed the damage stated that the entire tracks of the H. & T. C. Railroad were hoisted into the air and left standing in a position

that resembled a high picket fence all along the line. The people of Hearne ran short of food and provisions during this period and arrangements had to be made for wagon transportation from Hearne to Bryan.

The old Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad roadbed was severely damaged from this rain and was not repaired until this line had been sold to the H. & T. C. Railroad.

The rain of June 1899 has not been equaled in Hearne's history.

1913

September 26, 1913, is another important "flood date" in the history of Hearne and the Brazos Bottom.

On this date the flood waters of Little Brazos River and Big Brazos River combined and caused the second of Hearne's great floods. The entire Brazos Bottom area was inundated by this flood causing tremendous damage to crops and farm property and a great loss in farm equipment and livestock.

As most of the planters in the Brazos Bottom owned town lots in Hearne, it was the custom in those days to remove livestock and farm equipment to town during flood time and this practice resulted in the preventing of some losses when ample warning of floods and overflows was received. As most of the laborers lived on the plantations in those days, it also became necessary to find temporary living quarters for them in town. Many of these farm laborers camped on the vacant lots near the farm equipment and livestock that had been removed from the bottom.

1921

During the cotton picking season of 1921, Hearne and the surrounding Brazos River Bottom country suffered its greatest damage from a flood. While only a small amount of rain fell in the upper reaches of the Brazos River, twenty-one inches fell in Williamson County at Georgetown and Taylor. All of this rainfall found its way into Little River via Brushy Creek and the San Gabriel River. Flood waters from these streams changed the normal sluggish flow of Little River into a raging torrent and when the flow of this water reached Big Brazos River it jumped the east bank and cut its way through the Bottom lands to Little Brazos River, flooding the entire Brazos Bottom. These flood waters continued their eastward course until it was possible to launch boats at the edge of the south city limits of Hearne. In the summer of 1957, the writers of this book had the opportunity to view from the air the area where Little River joins the Big Brazos River and the course of this great rush of water as it pushed its way toward Hearne is still plainly visible.

Old timers tell of how the tremendous volume of water that was dumped into Big Brazos caused this river to flow in the opposite direction (north) for about 10 miles. Great damage was suffered by

the I. & G. N. Railroad properties located at Valley Junction as the flood waters rose to the second story of the old Lewis Plantation home in that area. Railroad bridges were damaged along with the roadbed and many box cars and other type of railroad cars were overturned by the water.

Small farm houses, bales of cotton, livestock and farm equipment could be seen floating down Little Brazos River.

After the flood waters had receded from this great disaster, more than just cotton, livestock and farm equipment had been washed away. Most of the big planters of the Hearne Brazos Bottom were already in financial troubles before the flood came, and the great losses suffered at this time put the finishing touches to the day of the large plantation in this area. A local bank was handling most of the financing of the plantations at this time and suffered along with the planters to the extent that its doors were also closed. Foreclosure on Brazos Bottom lands and equipment by banks and loan companies brought about the cutting up of the large plantations and the sale of the land to Italian farmers who moved into this area and bought up all of the available farm land in the bottom. This group of farmers have been very progressive in their farming methods and today the Brazos River Bottom farm area near Hearne is still as productive as the Valley of the Nile.

FISHING HOLES AND CROSSINGS ON LITTLE BRAZOS RIVER

In the immediate Hearne area, there are several crossings and fishing holes on Little Brazos River that have become land marks and legend to many old time Hearnites. For many years familiar names for these locations have been common to Hearne people and should be recorded for those who will appear on the Hearne scene in years to come.

The mouth of Sandy Creek is located about one-half mile north of the I. & G. N. Railroad bridge over Little Brazos. This creek enters Little Brazos River at this point. For many years the mouth of Sandy Creek was a favorite location of one of the better swimming holes on Little Brazos River. This location was also widely used for picnic purposes.

About a half-mile south of the I. & G. N. Railroad bridge, another bridge commonly known as the Old Wagon Bridge, was constructed where the old Mumford Road crossed Little Brazos River. One-half mile below this wagon bridge is the Griffin Hole. This hole is located approximately where Lost Creek runs into Little Brazos River. About one-half mile further down the river is the hole known as the Paley Reed Hole. One mile below the Paley Reed Hole is where Old Brazos begins. This stream leaves the main course of the river and encircles approximately 300 acres of land to the point where

it again joins the main channel of Little Brazos. It is said by old-timers that Little Brazos River changed its course at this location during an early day flood. The Kent Crossing is located about one-half mile downstream from the point where Old Brazos begins. Pin Oak Creek runs into Little Brazos just north of the Kent Crossing. The next crossing on Little Brazos is the Eb Hearne Crossing located about one-half mile below the mouth of Pin Oak Creek. The Eb Hearne Crossing was one of the most used river crossings in the early days as the Hearne family home was located on the east side of Little Brazos and this crossing was used for wagons and cattle drives. One mile below the Eb Hearne Crossing is the Wickes Crossing. Two miles below the Wickes Crossing is the Watt's Bridge Crossing.

One of the most popular crossings on Little Brazos River was Rocky Crossing. This crossing is located near the old Adams plantation on Little Brazos River. In the early days this crossing was the scene of public picnics and gatherings.

Early Hearne Churches

METHODIST CHURCH

The congregation that worships in the Methodist Church on the corner of First and Magnolia Streets has reason to be grateful to those pioneers in the faith who blazed the trail for religious privileges under circumstances that often were extremely trying to men's souls.

History of the planting of Methodism dates back to the year 1870 when Horace Bishop, a young Missionary Methodist preacher, was appointed to the Hearne and Sutton charges from the Northwest Texas Conference meeting at Waxahachie. At that time this charge was in the Corsicana district which extended to the South line of Robertson and Leon counties.

When Horace Bishop arrived, Hearne was a new railroad town and Sutton was not on the map. There was no church building of any kind, so young Bishop made arrangements to hold his first service in Joe Lambert's Saloon, using the upstairs of this building because the saloon owner would not allow anything to stop his business conducted on the ground floor. There was no Methodist membership in Hearne at this time but there were a few families here that had been Methodist in their former locations. Mrs. Horatio Hearne, Mrs. Wash Hearne, Gideon Wilkerson and Nathan Kilgore were the first Methodist that Mr. Bishop contacted upon his arrival in Hearne and from this small group he started a Methodist Church in Hearne.

These were very trying days for the Missionary-minded young Methodist preacher in a young frontier town that was known to be wide open to gambling and a meeting place for many who had little or no regard for law and order.

After holding services for three months in Joe Lambert's Saloon, a small school building was built and churches were allowed to hold services in this building. A Sunday School was organized and with the help of a Dr. Carrington (an Episcopalian), Mrs. Will Hearne (an Episcopalian), Mr. Will Hearne, A Brazos Bottom planter and business man, Nathan Kilgore, and Gideon Wilkerson. Kilgore was made Superintendent of the Sunday School and Wilkerson teacher of the Bible Class. Miss Sallie Powell was appointed teacher of a young ladies class and her sister, Miss Fannie Powell, was given a class of children.

In 1885 the Methodist congregation built a church building of

their own on the corner of Magnolia and First Streets. At that time, Hearne and Calvert were on the same charge, and Seth Ward, who later was elected Bishop, was sent to this station the year the church was built. Old timers recall that before the church was a year old a storm moved it off its blocks and three feet south of its original location. New pillars were put under the church and it was allowed to remain on the spot to which it had shifted.

In the old records of the church for 1893 and 1894, appear names of members of some Hearne families whose descendants continue to carry on the church. Prominent on the record is the name of W. A. "Uncle" Billy Craig, who was elected Steward in 1893. Dr. H. W. Cummings, a pioneer Hearne doctor, was also a board member for many years. Other familiar names on the church roster are the Craigs, the Cummings, the Waltmons, the Moseleys, the Shaws, the W. A. Scotts, the Kirkseys, the J. E. Cooks, the Welchs, the Rodells, Mrs. Mastyn Brack, the H. K. Davis family and many others.

Listed in order are those who have been known to Hearne since the first pastor, Horace Bishop, planted the seed that was to grow and prosper through the years; Seth Ward, C. M. Keith, A. J. Anderson, T. S. Williford, S. H. Morgan, W. W. Horner, G. H. Phair, C. E. Farrington, T. S. Williford (second time), A. C. Biggs, J. A. Kenny, M. L. Lindsey, J. C. Carr, L. H. McGee, Harry Hayes, R. S. Marshall, I. T. Andrews, A. A. Wagnon, J. C. Cooper, E. W. Solomon, T. Walter Moore, J. W. Goodwin, Leifeste, Hal Cunningham, T. Miller Smith, and H. E. Floyd.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church has a long and stirring history which began in 1869 when the first congregation was organized, and was first known as Hearne Station Baptist Church.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the first meeting with charter members, copied from the original church clerk's book:

ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Hearne Station, Robertson County, Texas April 18, 1869,
Baptist Church, Sunday the 18th day of April, 1869.

After a sermon, preached by Elder J. N. May, a Presbytery was organized, consisting of S. G. Thomas, T. S. Allen, D. P. Everett, J. N. May and W. G. Williams to organize a Baptist Church by calling Elder D. P. Everett as Sec. When the foregoing articles of faith and covenant were read and adopted, prayer by Elder T. S. Allen charge by S. G. Thomas, on motion and second, the church was called Hearne Station Baptist Church. Brother Henry Vernon was appointed clerk pro tem. The following members went into organization, viz: W. G. Williams, L. S. Knight, Taina Echols, Henry Vernon, Sister Virginia Echols, Sister Martha Echols, Sister Judy

Echols, Sister Helena Echols, Sister Josephine P. Vernon, and Sister Ellen H. Knight. Time of meeting, 3rd Sabbath on Sat. before.

The early struggles of this faithful band is a most interesting story. As to the progress made by the church for the next two years history does not record, but we find that on September 23, 1871, Reverend Edward F. Thiving preached from the text Matt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst of them."

From this time on the records show a steady increasing membership. On September 19, 1877, we find the record of a revival meeting beginning in the new church under the able leadership of Reverend W. E. Penn. A large increase in membership resulted from this revival, many of whom were faithful workers through the years. Of this original group prominent members were Mr. and Mrs. Heny Lewis and Dr. Henry Parnell and others.

The church was organized in what was then the Masonic Hall which was located at the intersection of Davis and Magnolia Streets but just opposite west of the present church site. At one time the church was located on the corner of Magnolia and First Streets just east of the present Methodist Church building.

The present church building was begun and completed under the leadership of Reverend Hulen Carrol, pastor from 1905 to 1909 and Rev. Isenhower who followed Reverend Carroll.

In 1918, Reverend C. E. Bullock was called as pastor and under his leadership the church grew in numbers and interest. In 1933 the church erected the first Educational Building as the result of Brother Bullock's untiring efforts.

Following is a list of early pastors of the church; Rev. Allen, Rev. Raines, Rev. Twain, Rev. Bell, Rev. Figh, Rev. Muse, Rev. Joe Stephens, Rev. Lumpkin, Rev. Hulen Carroll, Rev. Isenhower, Rev. W. A. Bowen, Rev. Frazier, and Rev. Bullock. Later pastors were: Rev. O. G. Barrow, Rev. Tilson F. Maynard, Rev. A. E. Riemann, Rev. R. L. Brown, and Rev. Buford Harrel.

Listed among the early church members were: Mrs. J. P. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Williams, Mrs. Lelia Harding, Mrs. R. L. Green, John W. Green, Mrs. R. Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCarver, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jett, Mr. and Mrs. John New, Judge and Mrs. A. G. Cobb, Mrs. Mary Welch, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hoyt Sr., Mrs. Beulah Brown, John Luke, Judge J. Felton Lane, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Oliver, Mrs. E. C. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Carrington, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Allen.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sometime in the 1870's the International & Great Northern Railroad Company erected St. Theresa's Hospital in Hearne. This hos-

pital was erected on the top of a high hill east of the H. & T. C. Railroad near the stone quarry and near what was then known as the Ward's home. Near the hospital was a rough frame building which served as a church and a residence for the Sisters of Charity who had charge of the hospital. When these buildings were dedicated, a number of members of the Catholic faith came by special train to Hearne, bringing a choir and organ to celebrate the christening.

Dr. Edward A. Pye was asked to take charge of the hospital and in the fall of 1872 he moved his family to Hearne. When the terminus of the H. & T. C. Railroad moved to Groesbeck, the Sisters of Charity returned to Galveston and the building was sold to a Negro congregation for use as a chapel called "The Little Flock Church." This building was located on the corner of Brenken and Liveoak Streets.

When the Yellow Fever epidemic broke in Calvert in 1873, Dr. Pye went to help the unfortunate people there, losing his own life when he contracted this dread disease. Dr. Pye's wife was allowed to go to his bedside when he was dying, although a strict quarantine was observed. Both died within a fortnight.

The railroad company donated a building lot to the church and on this lot a chapel was built and used for a while. This building finally succumbed to the ravages of time and its use was discontinued in 1893. During 1893 Father Thomas Keany, residing at that time in Burlington, Milam County, Texas, was appointed by Bishop N. A. Gallagher of Galveston to visit the Hearne Catholics every month and Mass was celebrated in the William Crenan home.

Under the guidance of Father Keany, the Catholics of Hearne built a chapel. While the chapel was in course of erection, Father Keany was moved to the Gulf Coast area and his successor was Father P. Bienman under whose leadership the building was completed. In 1897, Father Gustav Wiese was appointed as resident priest. For about four months he continued his work and was then transferred to a parish in the Tours Settlement.

In December, 1897, Father J. B. Gleissner came to Hearne as priest. In 1898 a neat rectory was built by his good people. Missions attached to Hearne were Mexia, Calvert, Rockdale, Caldwell, Milano, and Franklin. Father Gleissner continued his pastoral work until March 24, 1904 when he was placed in charge of St. Joseph's Church in Bryan.

Fathers Spinnweber, J. J. Gallagher, and George Hynes were at Hearne following Father Gleissner's removal to Bryan.

After a few years during which the above named priests ministered in Hearne and Missions, the Bishop appointed Father Gleissner to again take care of Hearne and Calvert.

On February 8, 1935, the church building located on the corner of East Fourth and San Antonio Streets was destroyed by a wind-

storm. During the period from the time this church building was destroyed until the new church was built on the corner of Cypress and First Streets, the communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church used the facilities of St. Philips Episcopal Church.

Some of the earliest families of the Roman Catholic Church faith to move to Hearne were: the Crenans, the Bradys, the Currys, the Martins, the Rileys, the Connors, and the Teelings.

ST. PHILIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organized religion had its beginning in Hearne in a little Union Church Building erected in 1870. This church building, which was located on the corner of Barton and Postoak Streets, was used by the churches of all faiths. It was in this Union building that the first Episcopal service was held by The Reverend J. W. Philips. From the Mother Church at Matagorda, Texas had come the Wadsworth and Brashear families, and around these families for many years centered the Episcopal Church activities. Personal interest in these two church families of old Matagorda lineage actuated Bishop Gregg in supplying this group with the services of Father J. Cooper Waddill of Matagorda to minister to the infant mission.

Under the leadership of Father Waddill, the mission grew and in 1873 erected and occupied its own church building on a site donated by the New York & Texas Land Company, and which site has been retained by the mission and on which the present church building stands. The communicants of the Episcopal Church chose to name this mission St. Philips Episcopal Church, honoring the patron St. Philip and the church's first Vicar, The Rev. J. W. Philips.

Following Father Waddill in 1875 came Father Edwin Wickins, who carried forward the work to 1880 leaving the mission on a firm footing. Father Sherrod W. Kennerley, an aged clergyman, came then, and left the work in 1882. Then followed intermittent incumbencies of the following: the Reverend Messrs. F. N. Atkins, Harry Cassil, M. Wilson DeHart, W. K. Lloyd, C. P. Dorsett, William Jeffreys, W. L. Smith, Edgar Sherrod, J. W. Davis and J. W. Swann, all of whom carried on the church work here, in connection with other neighboring parishes and missions.

These many years have been filled with many blessings and almost as many vicissitudes. The mission grew as the town developed, but the communicant list of those years was largely transient. The mission record reflected alternately a feast or famine as to communicants.

In 1912 a small legacy by a devoted churchwoman became the nucleus of a building fund, which was augmented by the heroic efforts of the women's auxiliary. During the time that the Reverend W. W. Daup was in charge of St. Philips Church, the old church building was razed and the present churchly brick chapel was erected.

An unusual feature of this building was the completion and furnishing of it without incurring debt.

From 1914 to 1917 the Reverend J. H. Randolph Ray, then Rector of St. Andrew's Church of Bryan, and then later Rector of the Church of Transfiguration (The Little Church Around The Corner) in New York, served this congregation. The succeeding eight years were served by the following: The Reverend Messrs. H. B. M. Jamison, Sidney Dixon, Samuel Rainey, and H. R. Zeigler. The Reverend Mr. Sidney Dixon was a resident, the others supplying from Calvert or Bryan. In 1925, the Reverend J. Parker Love served St. Philips as well as supplying missions at Cameron and Rockdale. In 1934 and 1935 the Reverend Homer Neville Tinker served St. Philips and Epiphany Church at Calvert. Other priests who have served St. Philips since then are: The Reverends Messrs. John McKee, Frederick McKinney, James Butler, Meade Brown, Horace W. Fairbrother, Jim McKeown, and Warren F. Merritt.

As one goes into the church building, he sees the many memorials given in loving memory of so many of Hearne's earlier citizens. The Cross, candlesticks, missal, the beautiful silver chalice and paten, and the Credence Shelf, the organ and Altar are all memorials given to the church in memory of some former communicant. Hearne people will remember with fond affection Mrs. Sarah Wadsworth Wilkerson, Mrs. Bertie Brashear was also one of the church pioneer founders, and other old-timers include "Uncle Billy" and Mrs. Mattie Henson, Miss Mollie Wadsworth, Mrs. Valesca Steffan Marshall, and J. W. Harlock. Mr. Henry Schultz was one of the earliest church organists.

HEARNE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Hearne Church of Christ was organized in May 1929 when a small group of Hearne citizens of this faith met in a downtown building on Third Street. The group that composed the charter members included: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yankie, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackmon, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cobb, Mrs. Melton McNair, Mrs. Harvey S. Spiller, Mrs. G. H. Blackmon, Mrs. D. R. Melton, Mrs. J. T. White, Oxsheer Cobb, and John Henry Reagan. Others who contributed to the early day organization of the church in Hearne were: J. T. White, Melton McNair, D. R. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McIlroy, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reagan, and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Oden.

After the church was organized in the business building located on Third Street in the downtown section, services were held regularly at this location. Later on the church was moved to the Hostrasser building on Magnolia Street and remained at this location until the first church building was constructed on the corner of East Evans and San Felipe Streets. The first service in this new building was held November 5, 1939. The church did not have a full time minister at

the time the building was completed, but later A. D. Martin assumed the duties as the first minister.

Other ministers who have served the Hearne Church of Christ are: F. B. Shepherd, Raymond Whittington, John Haygood, M. L. T. Jackson, H. I. Taylor, Bill Manning, Charles Garner, R. L. Nolen, Calvert H. Wylie, Lewis Case, Joe Burton, and Syd Wyatt.

In 1955 the congregation of the Hearne Church of Christ constructed a beautiful church building on the corner of Liveoak and Barton Streets. This building was completed during the time that Joe Burton was minister and the first service was held in the new building November 6, 1955.

OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

In 1874 Charles H. Raymond wrote an interesting letter about Harrison Owen and his "Historical Church." Excerpts from the letter follow:

"I understand that you take an interest in the old soldiers of Texas. There is one veteran still living, in 1874, who is engaged, as I learn, in the noble enterprise of erecting a "Historical Church" in Robertson County near Hearne, of whom I love to think and speak. He is Harrison Owen. I once settled in Robertson County. I took up my lodging with Harrison Owen. He supplied the table with wild turkey and venison. His wife prepared it to the satisfaction of the most fastidious taste. He always kept a good horse. He had a splendid rifle, and was an unerring marksman. Harrison Owen was among the foremost to respond to the call of the bleeding frontier, and to drive back our savage foes."

The "Historical Church" is said to have been the repository of a complete history of Texas from its colonization by the North Americans to its annexation to the United States. This church was said to have been located near Hearne. The dimensions of Anniversary Hall were 40 x 80 feet, 3200 square feet with an additional apartment to be added and to be used as a library.

Books of record on this church were kept. The ground had been donated by an old Confederate veteran, Colonel Harrison Owen, for the temple.

The foundation had been laid, and a part of the superstructure already built by Colonel Owen, with the help of a few Confederate veterans and the public. Colonel Owen sent out the following notice; "We earnestly appeal to our fellow citizens for assistance in completing this church. The Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company and the International & Great Northern Railroad Company came forward nobly to our assistance. We appeal to the ladies of the entire community in behalf of the Historical Church." This appeal was signed by the following: W. F. Williams, Andrew McMillian, E. N. Eubanks, E. Q. Haley, J. H. Collard, Robert Crawford, Harrison Owen, and William L. Glass.

Port Sullivan

Early in the 1830's, when the fertile fields of Robertson County were inhabited by the Indians, buffalo, wild horses, deer, wild cattle; when the pioneers of Texas traveled by course and by prominent objects such as clusters of trees, rocks and certain creeks; when the Mexican hogs, wild turkeys, bears, panthers and loafer wolves claimed this section of the state as their home, Augustus W. Sullivan drifted with Robertson's colonists to Texas and settled at the place later to be known as Port Sullivan. Sullivan later became a member of the Texas army at San Antonio, and played an important part in the development of this country.

Both Port Sullivan and Wheelock are important to the history of Hearne. Many of Hearne's early citizens came from Wheelock and Port Sullivan. Christopher Columbus Hearne, for whom the town is named, first settled in Wheelock, and many of our early businessmen and town leaders were from Port Sullivan.

Port Sullivan was described in the very early days as being situated on a high prairie bluff, on the west bank of the Brazos River, and commanded an excellent view of the surrounding country. There were about twenty business houses, a good hotel, and a college. The inhabitants were principally intelligent, wealthy cotton planters who settled in that area after Texas had won its independence from Mexico. This group of hardy pioneers developed the fertile soil and established Port Sullivan as a real trading center for the surrounding settlements. Port Sullivan was one of the most important stops on the main traveled road from Belton to Houston in the early teamster days.

At one time, all eyes of Port Sullivan were turned toward the progress of the H. & T. C. Railroad when construction of this railroad began to push northward from Houston. It was hoped by the settlers of the Port Sullivan area that the railroad would be built near that settlement or that a tap line would be built from Hearne. Neither the main line of the H. & T. C. Railroad nor the tap line were constructed in the Port Sullivan section and this helped seal the doom of Port Sullivan. The railroad was built through the area that was later to become the town of Hearne.

In the early days goods were shipped from Houston in ox-wagons as the nearest railroad was in Houston. During the Civil War, much

of the southern cotton was carried to Brownsville by wagons because of the blockade at Galveston. At this time there was a ferry at Port Sullivan which carried the wagons across the Brazos River. It was a two weeks trip from Port Sullivan to Houston by wagon. Old timers of the Port Sullivan area said that it was a common sight to see wagons drawn by oxen passing through Port Sullivan enroute to Houston to pick up supplies and merchandise.

For many years, Port Sullivan was the post office for the whole section of the country. There were plenty of saloons and every trade was opened and closed with a drink. This was especially true among the horse traders, and there were lots of them in that area.

Several steamboats came up the Brazos River to Port Sullivan in the early days, but they were not able to go farther upstream on account of the shoals at this point. The Houston Morning Star of June 15, 1843 stated, "The Steamer Mustang, lately ascended the Brazos to the shoals above Nashville. The river was falling rapidly and Captain Moore did not consider it safe to ascend to the great falls as he intended."

In 1916, the federal government attempted to build locks and dams at Port Sullivan in an attempt to make the Brazos River navigable from Houston to Waco, but this project was abandoned when the United States became involved in World War I. The citizens of Port Sullivan thought that the head of navigation on the Brazos River would be at Port Sullivan during the 1850's and accordingly built a large warehouse for storage of merchandise and supplies. Remnants of the foundation of the old warehouse still remain on the farm land once belonging to James Archie Peel.

According to James Archie Peel, a pioneer of Port Sullivan, the old town was a flourishing community before and during the Civil War. "When I first moved here it was the finest community I ever saw, but when the railroad was located at Hearne and Calvert, the trade as well as the people moved away."

Continuing, Mr. Peel said, "It was the only town accessible to the people in the early days and was the largest town in all of this section of the country. There were at least 20 business houses as well as a fine college which drew students from the surrounding country. James Sampson Ferguson had the largest general merchandise store here. They went to New York to buy their goods. This was a big event in the early days. Captain Lenard and William Anderson had a nice general merchandise store also. W. T. Watt was the saddle maker and had a saddle shop. Mr. Watt moved to Hearne from Port Sullivan and operated a saddle shop and hardware store on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets. He later established the Provident National Bank of Waco and was president of this institution. Colonel W. H. White was the only lawyer in town. John Sailors was in the real estate business, Mrs. Duncan ran the hotel, and Dr. H.

C. Ghent and Dr. Wilson opened a drug store and brought their drugs from Galveston by ox-wagons. The town proper had about 1000 inhabitants. Tom Anderson, William Anderson, C. G. Wilcox, E. Harlan, Alf Harlan, H. A. Foster, J. A. Foster, R. J. Davis, R. A. Smith, Dr. F. Hall, Dr. Hightower, William Easterwood, George Wagner, William Duncan, Charles Duncan, and Pastor Whippie were a few of the other leading citizens of the frontier town of Port Sullivan."

In describing the old college that was once located at Port Sullivan, Mr. Peel said, "The old college was located on the outskirts of the town in a grove of fine trees. The large wooden building was two-story and had very large rooms. Large hallways ran through the center of the two floors and the building was heated by broad fireplaces. There was a boys dormitory called Steward's Hall."

Mr. Peel said that Port Sullivan as a frontier town had played her part in the role of civilization. But the day of the pioneer colonist is gone in this country. Wealthy towns have taken the place of Indian camps, and the old battle grounds of yesterday have been converted into fertile fields. Many of the pioneer citizens of Port Sullivan left this area in the days long past, and with the exception of a state marker erected in 1936 near the site of the old town, the only monument erected in the memory of these worthy citizens is the accomplishments of this group as they spread over Texas helping to establish other towns.

Educational--Civic--Cultural and Business Organizations

EARLY HEARNE SCHOOLS

The early records show that Hearne's first public school building was erected in 1870. This building was located in the south part of Hearne and was also used for church purposes. A Miss Penuel taught a private school during the early 1880's. This school was located on East Davis Street just one block east of the Davis Street railroad crossing, and this two-story building is still standing in 1958 and is in use as a residence. Old records show that the student list at this time included W. C. Allen, John T. Welch, Warren A. Wilkerson and Albert W. Wilkerson.

In 1885 a public school was held in a small one story brick building located on First Street adjacent to the Grace Methodist Church property. Mrs. Fannie Reese Pugh was one of the teachers in this school. In 1866 John Lawrence Jennings, grandfather of the J. H. Jett children, conducted a school in this same building.

The student list in this little brick school building in 1889; included: Tom Kinney, Eugene Oliver, Wash Minsky, Louis Parnell, Ed Byars, Dorrance Byars, Ross Ball, Phil Teeling, Luther Waite, Jack Griffin, Morris Cohen, Charles Knowles, Leah Cohen, Sophie Griffin, Hugh C. Davis, Frankie Parnell, Kathryn Davis, Lola Waite, Valesca Steffan, Bridget Layden, Pearl Mosëley, Mattie Reilly, Pickie McGrew, Hallie Moseley, Minnie Lallier, Pauline Eckerle, Clara Bivin, Fannie Layden, Pearl Cohen, Florence Lallier, Will Allen, Jim Riggs, Will Lallier, Jack Reilly, and Clem Parnell.

Professor Jacob E. Cook was one of the early school teachers and the following were included in his student list: Carolyn Waltmon, Bev Beckham, Floy Beckham, Lee Beckham, and Monroe Miller.

During 1895, a public school tax was voted by the citizens of Hearne and a two-story frame school building was constructed on the corner of Magnolia and Brown Streets. School records show that at this time 400 students were enrolled in the Hearne white public school.

A further glance at old school records show that the following students comprised the second grade in 1905; Gladys Green, Milicent

Ward, J. P. Gray, Frank Rosenstein, Madelyn Curry, Henry Boswell, Phillip Rosenstein, Willie Scriviner, Rachel Wilson, Lutie Stewart, Harry Johnson, Jessie Brady, Janie Larkin, Mack Hardy, Earl Bolen, Jane Covington, Will Batley, Madelyn Dillard, Isaac Kirksey, Willie Lallier, Anna Oliver, Fannie Ely, Mabel Braswell, Tinnye Moseley, Katherine Moseley, Elmo Parnell, Ely Ayres, Eugene Mathews, Dewitt Waltmon, Mary Emma Guenzel, Ora Arnold, Ruby Arnett, Pearl Dotson, Bob Snell, Seth Brown, Mattie Gentry, Harrison Whitehead, and the teacher was Miss Mattie Minter.

Students listed in 1906 with Miss Ethel Brady as teacher included: Alma Snell, Mary Iva Menefee, Edna Autry, Zella Biggs, Eddie Breedlove, Kathryn Parnell, Robert Snell, Marguerite Skains, Helen Scriviner, Wootsie Jett, Jessie Taylor, Ted Terry, J. R. Manning, Charles Easterwood, Marion Lindsey, Juanita Brown, Rosalee Haining, Horace Mathews, David Johnson, Wait Hoyt, Claude Mathews, Pat Hall, Clyde Lipscomb, C. G. "Boy" Wood, Jack Johnson, Robert Moss, Louis Lipsitz, Fayette Ely, Inez Boswell, Ruby Ely, and Emil Scherbel.

The Senior Class of Hearne High School in 1912 included: Nona Carr, Eunice Gardner, Norma Welch, Matty Belle Scott, Lurline Houston, Estelle Boswell, Floy Larkin, Berta Moss, Harry Rosenstein, Vernon Easterwood, Pete Ferguson, Enoch Harding, Reuben Mathews, Knight Waltmon, Mamie Curry, Irene Brady, Lougenia Terry, Agnes Taylor, Annie Carr, and Hortense Lipsitz.

The first grade in 1909 included: Kathryn Bishop, Julian Court, Robert McCarver, Richard "Stuffy" King, Travis Brown, Bobette Hart, and Ann Marshall.

A glance at an old basketball team picture shows that the following were members of the High School Basketball Team in 1915; Dewitt Waltmon, Louis Guenzel, T. P. Griffin Jr., Louis Lipsitz, Jack Wray, Robert Rohde, Willie Gentry, and Frank Rosenstein.

In 1919, the two-story frame school building on the corner of Magnolia and Brown Streets was demolished and a new two-story brick building constructed. In 1958 this building is being used as an elementary school. In 1930 a new high school building was built in the south section of Hearne on Wheelock Street. Wood Field, the home of the Hearne High School Eagles, was also built during 1930. The high school gymnasium was built in 1940. In 1955-56, the new East Side Elementary school building was constructed.

During the 1920's a small school building was constructed near the Mexican residential district on the east side of town, but after about ten years, the Mexican school students were transferred to the other public schools and this school building abandoned.

During 1895, a two-story frame school building was constructed on the west side of town for Negro students. At this time, Professor

W. E. Grubbs was the Negro school principal. Professor Tom Taylor was also one of the early day colored school principals.

In 1944 the old two-story Blackshear School building was destroyed by fire and the Negro students used the colored churches for school purposes for the remainder of the semester. Later, the hospital area of the former Hearne PW Camp was made available for use as a Negro school.

After World War II, the school board purchased the hospital buildings at the former Hearne PW Camp and moved these buildings into town to the colored school campus for use as school classrooms. These buildings also were destroyed by fire and in 1956 a new and very modern high school, grade school, and gymnasium along with a fully equipped athletic field were built by the Hearne school board for students of Blackshear School. B. C. Murray is the principal of Hearne Negro Schools in 1958.

During the 1880's, a Negro industrial school, the Hearne Academy, was constructed, this school being located about three miles north of Hearne on the Calvert highway. Professor H. M. Broiles, a Negro educator, was the president of this academy and there were six instructors.

In the early 1920's another Negro college, Page Normal & Bible Institute, was in operation. This college was located on the Henry Prairie road about four miles northeast of Hearne. This college continued to operate until about 1932 when all of the buildings were destroyed by fire.

HEARNE SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Organized 1911

Twenty-five Hearne women who, in 1911, met to organize a literary club, lighted a candle that has cast its beam far. Banded together primarily for the study of the works of William Shakespeare, the organization has so expanded its objectives throughout the many years since, that its membership has had a part in practically every forward movement in and for Hearne.

While the club has continued literary pursuits it has become departmental in its work and has active committees on Education, Conservation, Public Welfare, Citizenship and branches of art.

The club has donated generously to every local worthy cause and this club also inaugurated the first local yard and garden contest, thereby inciting interest that made for town-wide beautification.

The Hearne Shakespeare Club has not confined its interest only in the progress of Hearne, but in its affiliation with State and General Federations of Women's Clubs has contributed its part to these mediums of service. From its ranks have been chosen from time to time State and District Federation officers and committee women whose work has been outstanding.

Some of the early members of the Hearne Shakespeare Club include Mesdames Florence Blair Allen, Mary Boyd Allen, Annie C. Bivin, Callie Rogers Blaylock, Lillian Della Boyd, Mabel Brady Cole, Pauline Eckerle Cummings, Elizabeth Harding Easterwood, Jimmie McClure George, Lou Shaw Griffin, Carrie Harrison Hensley, Annie B. Horlock, Cora B. Hughes, Carrie Waltmon Karney, Lady Will Kirksey Kenner, Mollie E. Lane, Lea N. Lewis, Valesca Steffan Marshall, Mae Davis Philen, Fannie Reese Pugh, Eleanor Smith, Blanche Snell Weeks, Clemmie Drake Wilkerson, Minnie C. Wray, and Miss Laura Walker.

HEARNE MUSIC CLUB

Organized 1904

In a summary of Hearne's cultural assets, music would naturally rank high, and rightfully so, since her citizens have always been known to be devoted to the art which is truly "the universal language of mankind."

That these devotees of the art of music have kept pace with the times is shown in the activities of the music clubs that contribute materially to the refining influences of Hearne and have a responsible part in the work of State and District Federations of Music Clubs.

While various musically-inclined groups had been formed in Hearne, it was not until 1904 that a club of any permanency was organized. Mrs. James Williams of Waco, the former Mrs. Eugene McNutt, at that time a resident of Hearne and a teacher of music, called together a group of lovers of music and laid a plan before them for organization of a club to be known as St. Cecelia Club. This club was active for some years but for some reason did not hold together.

That Mrs. McNutt never lost interest in Hearne's musical progress is indicated in her return from Waco, to which city she had moved from Hearne, to organize the Music Lovers Club which is now the leading musical body in Hearne.

At the time of this visit, Mrs. McNutt was President of the State Federation of Music Clubs.

Mrs. Robert C. Allen, later Mrs. John F. Grant of Houston, received eighteen members of the proposed club in her home on August 20, 1904 and from that date the new club began its work in earnest.

Early members of the Hearne Music Club included: Mrs. Robert C. Allen, Mrs. W. H. Bivin, Mrs. W. C. Bishop, Mrs. R. B. Collier, Mrs. H. W. Cummings, Miss Madeline Curry, Mrs. F. W. Easteryood, Mrs. John Gatling, Mrs. Annie B. Horlock, Mrs. F. W. C. Karney, Mrs. J. Felton Lane, Mrs. R. W. Marshall, Mrs. G. D. Martin, Miss Madeline Moreland, Miss Iscah Mateer, Mrs. H. H. Schultz, Mrs. John T. Welch, Mrs. Fred L. Wood, Mrs. Ira Camp, Mrs. Jud Collier,

Mrs. W. C. Allen, Mrs. Oscar Robinson, Mrs. P. S. Grogan, Mrs. W. A. Wilkerson, and Mrs. C. A. Griesenbeck.

The first president was Mrs. R. B. Collier and other early presidents were, Mrs. F. W. C. Karney, Mrs. W. A. Wilkerson, Mrs. R. W. Marshall, Mrs. O. G. Hudson, and Mrs. J. G. Philen.

HEARNE PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Listed as one of Hearne's most active and helpful organizations is the Parent-Teachers Association.

A most important and satisfactory aid to the public schools, the Parent-Teachers Association has functioned without interruption since 1922. Prior to this time there was a Mother's Club but the strength of the club was not sufficient to overcome many obstacles that presented themselves and when World War I came on, the group disbanded to give every possible aid to the American Red Cross work.

It was on call from Mrs. Libbie Burney Hall (Mrs. I. D. Hall), who had served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Mother's Club, and who later taught hundreds of Hearne children in kindergarten, that a meeting was held to reorganize patrons of the public schools and the teachers into a working organization that has accomplished much and has many worthwhile achievements to its credit.

Mrs. Hall was unanimously elected as the first president of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association, and it was largely due to her zeal and enthusiasm that many of its early projects met instant approval and enlisted the interest of school patrons and teachers to the extent that they were put over with credit to the sponsors and invaluable to the schools. Mrs. Hall occupied the presidential chair for three years and in later years was made an honorary Life Member of the organization.

Mrs. M. V. Carson, Mrs. Fred L. Wood and Mrs. Ellen Crenan Hudson were other early presidents of the Hearne Parent-Teacher Association.

PRESIDENTS OF THE HEARNE ROTARY CLUB

Warren A. Wilkerson.....	1925	J. T. Hamilton.....	1936
Warren A. Wilkerson.....	1926	Rev. T. Walter Moore.....	1937
Dr. W. K. Waltmon.....	1927	Robert F. Williams.....	1938
Judge Joe Reid.....	1928	Robert H. Blake.....	1939
Ben C. Love.....	1929	Burt J. Collins.....	1940
E. A. Bryan.....	1930	James Goodman.....	1941
Edward T. Robbins.....	1931	Rev. A. E. Rieman.....	1942
Judge J. Felton Lane.....	1932	Morris Cohen.....	1943
Dr. H. W. Cummings.....	1933	J. G. Philen.....	1944
Robert M. Duffey.....	1934	Roy Henry.....	1945
B. W. Harper.....	1935	James A. Mason.....	1946

Norman L. McCarver.....	1947	O. H. McCollum.....	1954
Dr. W. W. Boguskie.....	1948	Carl M. Cochran.....	1955
Theodore Rickenbacher	1949	A. W. Klement.....	1956
Paley A. Reed Jr.....	1950	Edwin M. McNeel.....	1957
Sidney A. Findley.....	1951	Dr. Jack A. Lyons.....	1958
Dr. F. W. C. Karney Jr.....	1952	Charles E. Blake.....	1959
Willie F. Sander.....	1953		

PRESIDENTS OF THE HEARNE LIONS CLUB

J. Howard Fox	H. C. (Jack) Kelly
John R. Grace	Demetre G. Palmos
Bernard Catlin	John Childers
Wait S. Hoyt Jr.	Terry P. Culbreth
Clarence Joplin Allen Jr.	Alfred E. Hanson
C. Freman Hubbard	Dr. Louis B. Hughes

HEARNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Hearne Chamber of Commerce was organized by Mrs. Fannie Reese Pugh, February 24, 1914. Mrs. Pugh was elected secretary of the organization and served in this capacity for nine years. It has been said that Mrs. Pugh was the first woman chamber of commerce secretary in the United States.

J. M. Haigler was the first president; R. R. Cole was the first vice president and W. H. Hensley was the first treasurer.

The Board of Directors for the year of 1914: H. B. Easterwood, R. W. Marshall, Warren A. Wilkerson, Dr. H. W. Cummings, E. A. Reinhardt, Dr. John W. Black, R. R. Cole, J. M. Haigler, and W. H. Hensley.

The officers of the new organization at that time stated that they met with much opposition, but the leading civic workers realized the need for unified effort in the boosting of the growing municipality.

During all these years the Hearne Chamber of Commerce has been actively in the lead with every industrial or agricultural movement for Hearne. The first organization operated as the Hearne Commercial Club. A few years later the organization name was changed to the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

One of the chamber's first projects was full cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture in eradicating the Pink Boll Worm. The Pink Boll Worm had been brought into the Brazos Bottom area in cotton seed shipped into Hearne from Mexico. Many acres of cotton had to be destroyed and the Chamber of Commerce raised money to reimburse the farmers for their lost cotton.

In 1916 the Chamber of Commerce promoted a campaign for an East-West highway and the Brazos River bridge near Valley Junction. This campaign was successful and led to the construction of the bridge and road through Robertson County by the voting of bonds

in the amount of \$200,000.00 to finance the county's portion of the cost. This bridge was completed and dedicated on October 27, 1927. This new road (Federal Highway 79) and bridge opened up a new territory for Hearne and proved to be a great asset.

Today, the Hearne Chamber of Commerce continues to serve Hearne and this area in numerous ways.

The following Hearne citizens have served as president of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce:

J. M. Haigler	Roy Henry
R. R. Cole	H. B. Priestly
R. C. Allen	Burt J. Collins
J. W. Horlock	Robert E. Cornforth
Dr. W. K. Waltmon	A. B. Fussell
W. L. Nesbitt	Theodore Rickenbacher
W. D. Blackstone	Jake Abrams
Dr. H. W. Cummings	Willie F. Sander
John C. Waltmon	Sidney A. Findley
J. T. Hamilton	Paley A. Reed Jr.
Glenn Harris	Charles E. Blake
O. H. McCollum	John H. Escoubas
J. G. Philen	Guy E. Chandler
Dr. W. M. Boguskie	Robert E. Cornforth Jr.
C. L. Dillard	Roy L. Henry

HEARNE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Organized 1912

When the City of Hearne was incorporated in 1871 the town did not have any means of fire protection. During the early 80's, Hearne was a growing railroad town and the citizens realizing the need for fire protection, called a mass meeting to organize a fire department. The membership was composed of nearly all able-bodied men of the town and a "bucket brigade" which was a common means of fire fighting in those days in the smaller towns, was organized. The bell at the old Union Church building served as a fire alarm and often the firing of "six-shooters" or other firearms were used for alarms.

The present fire department was organized in 1912. R. R. Cole was elected President and W. H. Hensley was elected Secretary. A Board of Managers composed of Dr. H. W. Cummings, C. L. Dillard and W. C. Allen was appointed to complete the organization. H. M. Liles and Phil Teeling Sr. were appointed to seek financial aid, and L. S. Harris, who served as the first Fire Chief, also served as chairman of the by-laws committee. Mr. Harris selected as his aides, John Luke, Thomas Hardcastle, Phil Teeling Sr., Byrd Gardner, T. B. Robinson, C. B. Smyth, Charles Robb, C. L. Dillard, Lilo Renfro and John Cuchia.

The original membership of the department was composed of the following: H. B. Easterwood, T. F. Brashear, F. L. Crump, William Scherbel, H. M. Liles, Dr. S. J. Alexander, W. C. Allen, S. E. Kenner, J. J. McNutt, J. P. Oliver, M. Sexton, F. W. Easterwood, J. S. Wilson, Dr. H. W. Cummings, J. H. Ferney, J. W. Horlock, Charles Later, W. R. Batley, William Waltmon, Vance Kirby, Ike Levine, Gerson Hart, Jake Cohen, L. C. Smith, J. G. Philen, Alex Silverman, B. D. Rasco, B. T. Gillespie, B. G. Talmadge, J. R. Covington, J. W. Green, I. D. Hall, W. S. Wilson, Fuller Morris, T. P. Griffin, W. E. Pryor, Sam C. Carson, B. F. Larkin, Sam Lipschitz, J. P. Massey, F. W. C. Karney, J. Felton Lane, J. J. Hall, Platt Ferguson Jr., Randle Miller, M. S. Barnett, S. J. Barry, Ancil Boswell, Green Brown, W. A. Wilkerson, P. L. Brady Sr., and H. D. Beaumont.

In 1912 the city water works system was completed and a few scattered fire hydrants were installed. The fire department's equipment at that time consisted of two hose reels, that were pulled by manpower and very often from the horn of a saddle, and a few joints of hose for each reel. Quite often the reels were pulled to the scene of a fire by hooking them up to one of the Model T cars of the day.

The first piece of motorized equipment was purchased in the latter part of 1913. This truck was a Model T Ford hose cart, equipped with two sections of ladders and small fire extinguishers. This type of equipment was very effective in its day and was the envy of neighboring towns that did not have any equipment.

Those were the days when there was "a hot time in the old town tonight" on many occasions. Several major fires caused large losses in the early days and on two occasions when the Hearne business district was composed entirely of frame wooden buildings, the business district was almost completely wiped out by fire.

Old timers like to tell the story about the local "drunk" who stole the fire truck and took it off on a fishing trip to Little Brazos River. This truck was missing for about two days, giving the drunk ample time to sober up and realize the seriousness of his "prank." This was supposed to have happened about 1916.

HEARNE THEATERS

Theatergoers in Hearne today, who go to theaters and see the latest in talking pictures reproduced on the silver screen along with three dimension and cinemascope and sound equipment of the most modern design while they are comfortably seated on a cushion chair and the theater building completely air conditioned seldom consider how far we have advanced in theater entertainment since the early days of Hearne.

Today's cinematic offerings, with the human voice, music and other sounds reproduced on the screen, are so far ahead of what

pioneers saw and enjoyed that anyone predicting them in the 1880's would have been called insane.

In the 80's and 90's Beckham Opera House, located on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets, saw the presentation of the road shows that were so popular during that era.

Then, too, occasionally a lecturer, equipped with a stereoptican machine, delighted the Hearne audience with his 'still views' of such sights as Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, the Flatiron Building in New York (the skyscraper of that time) and many other such scenes.

With the coming of movies Hearne citizenry soon became acquainted with such early stars as Francis X. Bushman, Theda Bara, Pearl White, Warner Oland, Vernon & Irene Castle, William S. Hart, Ruth Roland and others. "The Perils of Pauline" and "The Mystery of the Double Cross" thrilled Hearne movie fans. H. L. Lewis at one time during the 90's operated an outdoor theater with silent pictures.

Sliett and Bledsoe, Walker Pinkerton, G. D. Martin, John Stewart, R. L. Lewis, and J. B. Looney were owners of local silent movie theaters in Hearne. George Chatmas came to Hearne in 1926 when he purchased the old Queen Theater. In 1930 Mr. Chatmas brought the first all talking pictures to Hearne to the Queen Theater and on June 18, 1936 he opened the Chatmas Theater on Fourth Street.

EARLY HEARNE NEWSPAPERS

The first newspaper published in Hearne was owned by Judge J. M. Thurmond and the best information available indicates that this newspaper, Republican in politics, was first published in 1872.

In the spring of 1872, The Hearne Signal was established by Edward Bailey. This was a small three-column paper, and all home print.

In the later part of 1874, Reverend J. C. Waddell and T. P. Martin established The Hearne Enterprise. This paper was published in 1877 by John M. Langan, a lawyer. In the fall of 1876, R. M. Smith established The Hearne Argus and A. D. McNutt established The Hearne Courier.

A glance at The Hearne Enterprise issue of August 31, 1877 revealed the following:

A full page in this paper proudly proclaimed that The Hearne Enterprise was a live Democratic newspaper . . . the best family newspaper in Texas. The Enterprise proclaimed that it would ever be found the friend and advocate of sound national principles in opposition to all sectionalism from whatever quarter it may come and would give special attention to the interest of our own county and especially to Hearne, which will soon be the county seat of our rapidly developing county. Published as it is at the junction of the two great railroads of the State, in a live business town, the Enterprise will

afford as good an advertising medium from abroad as any paper in central Texas. The paper also carried an advertisement of Wadsworth Drug Store located on Fourth Street. Weather gloomy. So is the planter in the bottom . . . The Colored Baptist of the town are making an effort to locate a college in Hearne . . . Mr. A. D. Thresher, had his pockets picked a few nights ago with the thief getting a watch, a few dollars in money and a sock . . . The Reverend Mr. Pickett of Bryan and the Reverend Mr. McJunkin of Calvert, will assist in the labors of the Protracted Meeting . . . Henry Lewis has a male hog of Berkshire breed that is a perfect beauty . . . W. T. Watt keeps constantly on hand a full supply of lime and cement . . . The Lucilian Club held its last meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Herndon . . . Mr. Holland cultivated on the Henry Lewis place, 53 acres in corn which yielded 56 gathered bushels to the acre. Take your little pencil and see how much it will bring him at an even 25c a bushel . . . The firm of Charles Martin and T. E. Cramer is dissolved by mutual consent . . . The firm of Gregory and Sanderson has been dissolved by mutual consent and Bob Gregory, the Pioneer Butcher and marketman continues the business alone . . . Browsers on life's nutritious meadows will always find the price as well as the bars down at Bob Gregory's with the best meats in kind and quality on his stalls that the country affords . . . Louis Schilling's Eureka Bath and Barber Shop, shave 10c, hair cut 25c, shampoos 25c . . . J. C. Waller was the proprietor of the Junction Hotel . . . H. Van Vorst, Champion Boot and Shoemaker . . . G. Stieber, Fancy Boots & Shoemaker . . . T. J. Stirman practical carpenter and builder . . . Martin & Co. Bankers & Exchange Dealers . . . J. C. Adams was the oculist . . . W. B. Wadsworth was the dealer in drugs, medicines, perfumes, fancy soap, toilet articles, etc. and was also agent for the world renowned Avery plow . . . Davison & McNutt have opened on Post Office Street, a first class saloon and billiard hall and would respectfully solicit a share of public patronage. We intend to keep none but a first class house . . . J. G. Henniger, Wagon Ironing, farm work and all kinds of repairing done at short notice at his shop on the corner of Magnolia & Second Streets . . . Dr. John M. Morrison offers his professional services to the citizens of Hearne and surrounding country with office in the Wadsworth Drug Store . . . Dr. Marion Matkin offers his professional services to Hearne and vicinity with office in Wadsworth Drug Store.

The Hearne Enterprise and The Hearne Courier served Hearne until 1890 when The Hearne Advocate, a six column paper, was established by W. H. Howell. The ownership of this paper changed hands several times and in 1896 it was owned and published by Mrs. Fannie Reese Pugh.

In the late 1890's The Hearne Standard was established by Messrs. Owen and Rocke. During this same period, The Independent,

a seven column paper was published at the Hearne Academy, a large industrial boarding school for colored youths. The publication of this newspaper was a part of the industrial education of this institution. The Hearne Academy was located about four miles north of Hearne on the Calvert road.

In 1911, The Hearne Democrat was established. For almost a quarter of a century from May 12, 1911 to May 20, 1935, the destinies of the Hearne Democrat were guided by Judge J. Felton Lane, a distinguished member of the bar and prominent Hearne citizen.

Judge Lane, who was entirely without previous experience in the field of journalism, became the owner of the newspaper as the result of the former owner, whose note he had endorsed, relinquishing possession to him. Prior to Judge Lane's acquisition of the plant, The Democrat had passed through several extremely lean years when the fates of many weekly publications over the country were hanging more or less in the balance.

In his first editorial, which appeared in the initial issue after he assumed ownership, Judge Lane pledged his best efforts in the publication of The Democrat and that the paper would take an active part in the civic advancement of the community. Under his guidance The Democrat increased its circulation and new equipment replaced antiquated machinery. However, it was not until 1929 that the old method of hand-setting the newspaper's type was replaced with a linotype machine. D. B. (Dunc) Carrington who presided over the keyboard of the modern linotype, began his career with The Democrat only a month after Judge Lane took charge. Dunc Carrington handled the mechanical end of the paper for 18 years when each type that appeared in each weekly issue had to be set up by hand and then distributed back into the cases before a new edition could be started. Dunc Carrington continued his career with The Hearne Democrat for 41 years until his death in 1952.

In Judge Lane's first issue of The Hearne Democrat on May 12, 1911 appeared the following items: A trip to Austin by Mayor P. L. Brady Sr. and Judge John E. Bishop in the interest of a \$25,000.00 bond issue by the City of Hearne for the building of Hearne's Municipal water and electric plant . . . A Prohibitionist notice announcing the meeting of club members to discuss their fight against "John Barleycorn" . . . An advertisement by Monroe Miller telling of the excellent features of the 1911 model Overland automobile . . . A news story that will recall to our older citizens memories of the Bull Moose party whose champion was Theodore Roosevelt telling the results of a straw poll in the mid-western states in which Roosevelt was well in the lead.

In 1935, Robert H. Blake became the publisher of The Hearne Democrat and continued to be the publisher until 1940.

In 1940, Theodore Rickenbacher, a native Kansan, purchased

The Hearne Democrat and became the editor and publisher of this paper.

HEARNE BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Since 1891 the Hearne Building & Loan Association has served as a home builder in Hearne.

This organization is not only one of Hearne's pioneer business establishments but is among the first Building & Loan Associations in Texas, its charter being Number 6 in the state.

The minutes of the first organizational meeting of this firm dated February 5, 1891, shows that Mr. L. Kaufman presided as chairman over the meeting and Mr. Robert Cyrus Allen was named secretary. At this meeting, one of Hearne's early and well known businessmen, Mr. William Crenan, was named as the first president. Mr. E. M. Weyl, who later became a successful merchant in California, was elected as the first secretary.

The first board of directors consisted of the following group of leading business men of Hearne; J. Widman, H. K. Davis, Chas. L. White, John Robb, J. L. Moseley, R. A. Allen, W. W. Bivin and G. I. Branum.

This early organization had only a few thousand dollars assets, but vision for future advancement of our city by the early directors and officers made this organization a success from the very beginning. The first few years of operation were rather difficult, and the records show that the idea of economy was one of the major policies. The association was organized as a mutual body with each member having like privileges and like benefits.

In reviewing the past history of Hearne and looking forward to its future, the officers and directors of the Hearne Building & Loan Association feel the satisfaction that it has contributed its share to the present civic progress of Hearne.

The following is a list of those who have served as president, secretary, and attorney for the organization:

PRESIDENTS

William Crenan
H. B. Easterwood
G. I. Branum
E. M. Weyl
James L. Hazlett
Dr. H. W. Cummings
Dr. W. K. Waltmon

SECRETARIES

E. M. Weyl
James F. Peel
F. W. McWililams
W. H. Hensley
W. W. P. Easterwood
Mrs. Bertha M. Beaumont

ATTORNEYS

J. Felton Lane
John R. Grace
Bill Palmos

PLANTERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

On April 13, 1907, a group composed of five Hearne businessmen, three Franklin businessmen and one businessman from Houston, was granted a charter, Number 232, by the State Banking Department to open the Planters & Merchants State Bank of Hearne, Texas. Those businessmen interested in this bank consisted of Messrs. H. B. Easterwood, W. H. Ely, J. H. Hartzog, J. R. Henry and R. W. Marshall of Hearne; J. H. Lomax, W. W. Hilton, and G. H. Albers of Franklin; and F. W. Vaughn of Houston.

Organizational plans for the proposed bank were discussed at the first stockholders meeting which was held on April 8, 1907.

Directors elected at the organizational meeting were: H. B. Easterwood, W. H. Ely, G. H. Albers, Dr. H. W. Cummings, W. L. Forbes, F. W. Vaughn, W. T. Bartholomew, Tom M. Taylor, J. R. Henry, R. W. Marshall and J. H. Lomax. The first officers who served during the planning for the opening of the bank were: F. W. Vaughn, president; R. W. Marshall, vice president; and J. H. Lomax, cashier.

When the bank opened for business in July 1907, the following were the officers: Tom M. Taylor, president; Dr. H. W. Cummings, vice president; G. H. Albers, cashier; W. H. Hensley and W. C. Allen Jr. assistant cashiers; and Floyd W. Easterwood, bookkeeper.

The original bank was located in the Marshall Building on Magnolia Street and in 1918 was moved to the corner of Fourth and Magnolia Streets.

On the October 1, 1911 meeting of the directors the following changes were made: Dr. H. W. Cummings, president; J. G. Philen, cashier; W. C. Allen Jr., assistant cashier; and Floyd W. Easterwood, bookkeeper. Roy O. Ely was employed as a bookkeeper in July 1914.

Records of the bank's first years show that the competition in local banking circles of that era was keen and the young institution labored successfully through some trying times. However, since the day the doors were opened the Planters & Merchants State Bank has rendered continuous service for the agricultural, commercial and industrial advancement of this section.

Upon the resignation of Dr. H. W. Cummings in 1925, J. G. Philen became president of the bank and served in this capacity until his retirement in 1949. Upon Mr. Philen's retirement, Roy O. Ely was made president and H. C. (Jack) Kelly vice president and cashier. Directors include E. Y. Ely Sr., Charles Ferrara, and C. B. Thames.

FIRST STATE BANK

The First State Bank of Hearne was formerly opened for business in ceremonies held on September 6, 1957. The bank opened for business in a new building constructed on the corner of Cedar and Third Streets.

State Treasurer Jesse James formally opened the bank to the

general public when he officiated in the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony. The principal address for the opening was given by the Honorable Will Wilson, Attorney General of the State of Texas.

Reverend Bufford Harrel, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hearne, gave the invocation. Brazos A. Varisco, President of the bank, received the Certificate of Authority from J. W. Munson, Department Examiner, of the State Department of Banking.

Bankers and dignitaries from throughout the eastern half of Texas attended the formal opening. A total of 2126 visitors registered in the bank's guest register on opening day. Attorney General Will Wilson, in a short talk preceeding the opening, congratulated the residents of this area on the fine new bank building. Deposits at the bank for the first day of business amounted to \$413,812.03.

The executive officer for the new bank, Wilbur Strong, had previously served as president of the First State Bank of Texas City, Texas and was associated with that institution for twelve years, and will serve as executive vice president for the First State Bank of Hearne. Thomas E. Brashear, formerly connected with the First National Bank of Cameron, Texas is the cashier. Other employees at the new bank on opening day were: Mrs. Virginia McNeel, Mrs. Mae Beth Hoyt, Mrs. Minnie Ola Little, and Mrs. Doris Ann Utecht.

Officers of First State Bank are: President, Brazos A. Varisco; Executive Vice President, Wilbur Strong; Cashier, Thomas E. Brashear; Vice President, Morris Cohen; Vice President, W. S. Hoyt Jr.; Directors: J. H. Fox, Jimmie F. Payne, Roy Henry, Dr. E. M. Boyd, Frank De Stefano, G. R. Varner, Bryan F. Russ, Joe Varisco, Vince Court, and E. M. McNeel.

Biographical Sketches

TITUS CARR WESTBROOK, born at West Point, Mississippi, October 1, 1842 of a well to do and highly respected family, representatives of the fine old Southern aristocracy of the halcyon days before the Civil War, had the advantage in youth of careful training and thorough education, graduating with the rank of Captain from Military Institute, at Frankfort, Kentucky, when 17 years of age, and soon after came to Texas with his step-father, Lewis Whitfield Carr, who located with his family on the rich alluvial lands of the Brazos River Bottom near Hearne.

He entered the Confederate Army in the spring of 1862 as a soldier in Company B, enlisting for three years, or so long as the war might last, and was stationed with his command first on Galveston Island, then at Virginia Point, and then at Camp Speight, Texas, where the Fifteenth Texas Infantry was organized, with J. W. Speight as its Colonel, M. D. Herring as Captain, and T. C. Westbrook as Lieutenant of Company B. He was later promoted to Captain and saw action in the battles of Fordash, Bayou Bordeau, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Marksville, Yellow Bayou and other skirmishes and smaller engagements. Captain Westbrook was slightly wounded at the Battle of Mansfield.

When mustered out of the service at Houston, Texas, after final surrender of the Confederate forces he was acting Adjutant of his regiment. A friend, speaking of his bearing as a soldier, said: "In camp he was modest and unobtrusive, kind and jovial; in the thickest and hottest of the raging battle, cooler than most men on dress parade, prompt to act and utterly fearless. He enjoyed the respect and confidence of his men and superior officers. Knowing him as I did, I can truthfully say that he was as true and tried as tempered Damascus steel; as a soldier and patriot, as brave and devoted as any man who wore the gray."

Returning to his home in the Brazos Bottom he continued to engage in farming. His possessions increased from year to year until he took rank as one of the wealthiest planters in Texas. He was an ideal practical farmer, one of the most successful in the state, and his large Brazos Bottom plantations near Hearne, on which he continued to reside until his death, showed at all times the perfection of good management. He spared no expense in securing and enjoying the

good things of life. He and his beloved wife, Jeannie Carr Randle, daughter of Allen Carr, to whom he was married December 4, 1878, dispensed a generous and wholesale hospitality at their palatial home to their many friends and the chance "stranger" within their gates. It was his custom, assisted by his wife, to see that everyone on his plantation, black or white, received suitable Christmas presents. He lived in the half patriarchal, half princely style of his ancestors and was a noble survivor of the high-souled, warm hearted and chivalric gentleman of a bygone day. While exact in his business methods, his hand dispensed liberally to others of what it gathered.

It was chiefly through his influence and exertions that the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad was constructed and put into operation. He was elected President of the company upon its organization and served in that capacity up to the time of his death.

He was a life-long Democrat and an ardent advocate of clean, wholesome measures and always interested himself in helping elect good men to public office. He was a delegate to numerous State and County conventions and was solicited to run for political offices, but having no desire for political honors he declined. He much preferred the quiet and peaceful homelife to which he was accustomed.

In July 1893, he suffered a severe illness from which he never fully recovered and sought restoration to his health by travel in old Mexico and other places. He died September 17, 1893 and was buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

COLONEL CHARLES LEWIS. Although a number of settlers had taken up their abode within the present limits of Robertson County, previous to the Texas Revolution in 1835-36 and others continued to do so during the succeeding years of the Republic, it was not until a much later date that the Brazos portion of the county began to fill with the thrifty class of planters whose intelligent and well directed labors did so much towards developing the wonderfully rich soil of that section and in giving to the county the excellent reputation for agriculture which it has since enjoyed.

The year 1852 is marked in the history of the state as the one during which occurred the greatest immigration previous to the Texas Revolution. Robertson County received its proportion of that immigration, and from that year dates the advent in the county of many who were afterwards distinguished for their thrift, wealth and good citizenship. Of this number was Colonel Charles Lewis of Hearne.

Colonel Lewis was born in Farmington, Connecticut, April 14, 1820. His father was Calvin Lewis and his mother was Martha Root, both of whom were natives of Connecticut and descendants of early-settled New England families. Mr. Lewis was educated and reared in his native state and received an excellent education.

At the age of 24 years, he left Connecticut on account of ill-

health and went to Louisiana, taking up his residence in Bozier Parish. There he met, and in March 1846 married Miss Adeline Hearne, a daughter of William and Nancy Hearne and sister of Ebenezer and Horatio Ransome Hearne, in company of the latter two of whom he came to Texas in 1852 and settled at Wheelock in Robertson County.

Mr. Lewis was engaged in planting in Louisiana and immediately on settling in Robertson County, he opened a plantation on the Brazos. He gave his attention exclusively to this interest until after the Civil War up to which time he resided at Wheelock. After the Civil War he lived a year on his plantation, then at Houston for six years, and when the town of Hearne was being laid out he moved to Hearne where the remainder of his life was spent.

He was one of the first to locate in Hearne and erected the first business building and the first dwelling. He was one of the earliest and always one of the most steadfast supporters of the town of Hearne and all its interest. His own interests and pursuits were of a somewhat diversified nature, though chiefly agricultural. In the course of years he developed a large plantation in the Brazos Bottom and acquired a considerable amount of property.

Born and reared in a cold climate, the vigor of his intellect lost nothing by transplanting while he added to it habit of unwearied exertion and sound practical business methods. His reputation was that of a safe, steady-going, straight forward man of business and his judgment always commanded respect.

He represented Robertson County two terms in the State Legislature and proved an able and acceptable representative. He had but little inclination, however, for public affairs and gave way in such matters to those more eager for popular applause and political preferment. A Democrat in politics, he always gave a cordial support to the men and measures of his party. He was a strong sympathizer with the South during the Civil War and though not in military service, he lent the cause very substantial aid of a kind it stood most in need of.

Mr. Lewis was made a Mason in early manhood and took great interest in the order. He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge at Hearne which he subsequently served as Master. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church at the age of 16 and supported his church and all worthy purposes.

Mr. Lewis died October 22, 1880. He had a son, Henry L. Lewis, and two daughters; Fannie Lewis who married Frank A. Glass, and Willie Lewis, who married Dr. A. C. Moreland of Atlanta, Georgia.

CHARLES GLOVER WOOD was born in Grimes County, Texas in 1859 but later moved to Hearne and engaged in farming in the Brazos Bottom. By industry and great business ability he became one of the wealthiest and most successful men of Robertson County. He

served as a Director for the First National Bank of Hearne, and was connected with many other enterprises in Hearne and elsewhere. He owned several plantations in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne.

Mr. Wood was a man whose wealth contained no tainted dollars. To gain it, he oppressed no one, he deprived no one, however humble or ignorant or helpless, of his just dues. His wealth came purely as the product of a great and constructive brain and diligent and careful attention to his affairs; and to hold it, he never closed his hand against the worthy person or the worthy cause in need of his assistance. He was a man of the very highest integrity, exceedingly generous in helping those less fortunate than himself, a Christian gentleman, a loyal friend, and as a citizen took an active part in local affairs and was always found fighting in the foremost ranks in every endeavor of the people for good government.

He was married to Miss Aurie Adkins and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wood: Myrtle Wood Hatch, Hazel Wood Miller, Ivy Wood, Vivian Wood, Fred L. Wood, and Charles Glover Wood Jr.

Mr. Wood, who was affectionately known to his friends as "Big Charley" died in 1914 and is buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

GEORGE N. ALDREDGE was born in Lee County, Georgia April 14, 1846. His father was Dr. J. F. Aldredge and his mother was Mary Oglesby Aldredge, daughter of George S. Oglesby of Russell County, Alabama.

He entered the Confederate Army at the age of 16 years in 1862 as a volunteer in Walker's Division, Randall's Brigade, Clark's Regiment. After serving two years, he was transferred to Chisholm's Regiment serving in the Cavalry until the war was over, participating in all engagements of this command.

After the Civil War, he returned to Texas and entered McKinzie College in Red River County for two years, later reading law under Judge O. M. Roberts at Gilmer, Upshur County, Texas. After being admitted to the bar he practiced law for one year with Colonel John L. Camp at Gilmer, one year at Dallas and one year at Waxahachie. He returned to Dallas then for his permanent location.

In 1875 he was elected County Attorney of Dallas County and served in this office until 1878 when he was elected as District Judge of Dallas County and remained on the bench through 1888. When he retired from the District Judge position, he practiced law in Dallas with A. T. Watts and J. J. Eckford.

Judge Aldredge made speeches throughout the state and nation and was especially famous for his great speech at Atlanta, Georgia on October 16, 1895 before the American Bankers Association on the subject of "Sound Money." This speech was published in pamphlet form for general distribution by the Sound Currency Committee of

the New York Chamber of Commerce. This speech in part was later printed in the Congressional Record on January 31, 1896.

In 1869 Judge Aldredge was married to Miss Betty W. Hearne, daughter of Horatio Ransome Hearne. Three children were born to this union; George E. Aldredge, H. R. Aldredge, and Sawnie R. Aldredge.

H. B. EASTWOOD was born in Lowndes County, Mississippi February 17, 1856, the son of William C. Easterwood and Martha G. Easterwood. The parents of Henry Bascom Easterwood came to Texas in 1858 and after a brief stay in Bell County, Texas settled on a farm at Port Sullivan in Milam County on the Brazos River.

He attended school at Port Sullivan and at the age of 18 years in 1876 he began clerking for his elder brother, William E. Easterwood, in a store at Port Sullivan. Later, he opened two more stores for his brother in Milam County.

In March 1880 he moved to Hearne, and on borrowed capital of \$2200 he engaged in a grocery business of his own. He soon secured a good trade, and with the growing prosperity of Hearne extended his line of operations into the largest general mercantile establishment in Hearne. A two story brick building on the corner of Market and Fourth Street was built to house the Easterwood Mercantile Co.

Mr. Easterwood acquired considerable outside properties and interests, such as three farms which he operated, purchased and improved a number of town lots, ran a cotton gin, was vice president of the Hearne Building & Loan Association, helped organize a local cotton compress, served as president of the compress, president of the Brazos Valley Lumber Company, a stockholder and secretary-treasurer of the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad. He also helped to organize the First National Bank of Hearne and served on the Board of Directors and also served on the Hearne City Council. As an old saw has it . . . "he stood ready at all times to honor sight drafts on his time and services in behalf of good government, the building up of local schools, and the promotion of all those things that tend to elevate, adorn or improve the society in which he moves."

In 1879 he was married to Miss Lillian Gohlman, daughter of S. L. Gohlman of Houston. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Easterwood; H. Gohlman Easterwood, Floyd W. Easterwood, Vernon Easterwood, and Clarence Easterwood; daughters were: Clara Easterwood Klopp, Lillian Easterwood Beckham, Lucille Easterwood Kempen, and Evelyn Easterwood Hansard.

Henry Bascom Easterwood died June 5, 1919. Lillian Gohlman Easterwood; who was born May 13, 1863, died December 28, 1933.

LEWIS WHITFIELD CARR was born in Lenore County, North Carolina, February 7, 1824, the son of Matthew H. Carr, a native of

Virginia. His paternal grandfather was Lawrence Carr a Virginian who served as a patriot privateer during the Revolutionary War of 1776, and emigrated to North Carolina soon after the colonial struggle for independence and died at the age of 87 years. His paternal grandmother was Sallie Murphy, a native of North Carolina.

Mr. Carr moved to Mississippi when he was a young man in 1847. The State of Mississippi was comparatively unsettled at that time. He engaged in planting there until 1858, coming to Texas in January of that year and stopped for a time in Washington County and in December of 1858 he bought and settled on a tract of land in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. Here he opened a plantation and engaged in farming. When he first settled on this plantation, there were only 60 acres in cultivation. He began to put more land under cultivation until his total cultivated acreage increased to 2700 acres. He lived to see this area grow from a wilderness to a progressive town and he was a leading factor in this growth and development. When he settled in the Brazos Bottom, his trading place was Houston, 120 miles distant and his post office was Wheelock, 17 miles distant. He helped to build the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad and served as vice president of this company; helped to organize the First National Bank in Hearne and served as vice president.

In 1854 he was married to Sidney A. Westbrook at West Point, Mississippi. His wife was born January 2, 1814. One child, a daughter Sidney Carr, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carr. Sidney Carr was born in 1857, and she married Beverly W. Beckham.

Lewis Whitfield Carr had five brothers; Joshua Carr, James Carr, Alexander Carr, Titus Carr, and Matthews Carr; two sisters, Patsie Carr and Susan Carr. Three of his brothers, James, Alexander and Titus were members of the Confederate Army.

Mr. Carr never held public office, but he served the public in many other ways. His fellow townsmen said, "No man stands higher in Robertson County than L. W. Carr."

Lewis Whitfield Carr died December 30, 1911 and his wife, Sidney A. Carr died July 10, 1883. Both are buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

SIDNEY CARR BECKHAM, the daughter of Lewis Whitfield Carr and Sidney A. Westbrook, was born in Mississippi in 1857 and came to Hearne in childhood with her family to make her home. She was educated at Nazareth College in Kentucky and was married to Beverly W. Beckham, a native of Virginia. Her husband, Beverley W. Beckham, was born in Virginia, April 11, 1845 and died in Hearne October 5, 1888.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beckham; a son Beverly W. Beckham, and two daughters; Floy Beckham Robinson and Lee Beckham Grogan.

Mrs. Beckham was a member of the Baptist Church, the Woman's Missionary Union, and a charter member of the Norwood Cemetery Association. She possessed a sweet and Christian disposition and was greatly loved by family and friends. Mrs. Beckham died in 1930.

WILLIAM TILLET WATT was born June 6, 1845 in North Carolina and was the son of John Watt and Nancy Stevenson Watt.

After serving in the Confederate Army at the close of the Civil War he moved to Texas and settled in the Bastrop area and was employed in the leather business.

Later he moved to Port Sullivan on the Brazos River west of Hearne. Here he met and married Miss Augusta Ferguson, formerly of Selma, Alabama and a sister of Wesley Platt Ferguson a prominent Hearne businessman and banker. His wife, Augusta Ferguson was born June 12, 1854.

In 1874 Mr. Watt moved to Hearne and established his own mercantile business on the corner of Third and Magnolia Streets. He operated this business until 1890, selling out to R. A. Allen & Son who continued to operate this business at the same location. The building that housed the W. T. Watt Store burned and was rebuilt on the same location in 1891.

Mr. Watt's mercantile business was one of the largest in Robertson County, and in addition to this business he owned and operated large cotton plantations in both Milam and Robertson Counties.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watt; Mary Frances Watt who married Congressman O. H. Cross of Waco, Anne Hale Watt who married Judge James W. McClendon of Austin, and a son Charles Plattenburg Watt who remained unmarried. Charles Plattenburg Watt was born in 1878 and died in 1939, Mary Watt Cross died in 1953, she was born in 1875. William Tillett Watt died in 1921 and Augusta Ferguson Watt died in 1886.

ROBERT AARON ALLEN was born in Cabarras County, North Carolina in 1840. He was the son of Alexander Allen and Serena Townsend Allen. His father died in Hearne in 1890 at the age of 82 years.

His parents moved to Tennessee when he was a small child and there he was reared. Brothers of Robert Aaron Allen were: William Crawford Allen Sr., Samuel Allen, James Allen and Marshall Allen. Two of his brothers, James and Marshall did not come to Texas but later moved to California to make their home.

Robert Aaron Allen was married to Miss Alice Cyrus of Bryan, Texas, and a son, Robert Cyrus Allen was born to them November 4, 1871.

During the Civil War, he served first in a company organized in Searcy, Arkansas in 1861 and afterwards in the Eighth Arkansas, Army of Tennessee, participating in the battles of Corinth, Chica-

muga, and Perryville. He also participated in the one hundred days fighting of the Georgia campaign from Dalton to Atlanta, and then followed General Hood on his return into Tennessee; taking part in the battles at Franklin and Nashville. Later he was with General Johnston in the last fight at Bentonville, North Carolina, and surrendered at Greensboro, North Carolina. He served a great part of the time as a private, but held the rank of First Sergeant at the time of the surrender. His parents came to Texas during the war, so he came to Texas immediately after the surrender and settled with his parents at Lancaster in Dallas County. He made a crop there in 1866 and in the fall of that year went to Millican, then the terminus of the H. & T. C. Railroad and secured a clerkship. He remained there until the railroad construction pushed north to Bryant at which place he formed a co-partnership with W. R. King under the firm of Allen & King, and was engaged in business until 1873 when he moved to Hearne. In Hearne he organized the firm of R. A. Allen & Son, dealers in hardware, furniture and saddlery and built one of the largest businesses in Hearne. His son, Robert Cyrus Allen was associated in this business. He also interested himself in some outside enterprises such as the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad. He was public spirited, broad minded and was very generous with his means. He began his business career without a cent. A friend paid his way to Texas and on his own initiative he built one of the largest businesses between Dallas and Houston. He died in 1898.

WILLIAM E. ASTIN was born in Brazos County, the son of James H. Astin and Celia Allsbrook Astin. His father was born in Marion County Alabama in 1833 and fought in the Civil War in Company I, Fourth Texas Cavalry, Hood's Brigade and served until severely wounded at the Battle of Chicamuga. He first came to Texas in 1854, remained a short time, then went to California and followed the life of a miner until 1859. After the Civil War, James H. Astin returned to Texas and settled in Navarro County.

Brothers and sisters of William E. Astin; James Robert Astin, John E. Astin and Joseph P. Astin. In 1874, Celia Allsbrook Astin, mother of William E. Astin died. In 1878 his father, James H. Astin married Miss Ona Ward of Bryan and the following children were born to this union: Irwin Astin, Daisy Astin, and Roger Q. Astin.

When W. E. Astin's father and mother moved to Bryan in 1865 his father followed various occupations for two or three years and then rented a small farm in the Brazos Bottom. His sole earthly possessions at that time being a wagon and a team and \$10. He rented this farm for ten years and then in 1877 made his first land purchase. Buying land from time to time, he built up a plantation acreage of 7,000 acres with 6,000 in cultivation. He produced about 5,000 bales

of cotton annually and was considered one of the wealthiest planters in this section.

All of the Astins have been cotton planters in the Brazos Bottom country for many years. William E. Astin owned and operated a large cotton plantation in the Brazos Bottom about six miles south of Hearne. His father was one of the original projectors of the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad and was a stockholder in the company.

JACOB STEFFAN. A childhood romance that had its beginning in Europe during the days of Bismark, Blucher, Napoleon III and Queen Victoria, was responsible for bringing to Hearne one of its early pioneer families.

Eugenie Gerbracht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Gerbracht, was born in the province of Rheinhessen, Germany, March 12, 1849. In the same province there also lived young Jacob Steffan who was born June 7, 1844. Young Steffan and his bride-to-be grew into manhood and womanhood with romance blossoming into love.

After serving his required number of years in the Prussian Army, to escape the growing militarism of the old country and to insure a happier, more prosperous life, young Steffan immigrated to America, coming directly to Hearne in 1871. The story of his early days in the New World differed little from that of thousands of other young immigrants who came to America's shores in the nineteenth century to play such an important part in the development of the nation.

Seven years after his arrival in Hearne, Jacob Steffan had prospered sufficiently to buy a home and outfit it. He sent for the sweetheart he had left in the old country and in 1878 the bride-to-be was met in New Orleans by Mr. Steffan. The marriage rites were solemnized in the Crescent City and the happy couple came to Hearne to make their future home. The dwelling which Mr. Steffan bought for his bride was located in the 200 block on Second Street and in 1958 this house is still standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffan prospered through the years, becoming business and social leaders in the little town of Hearne before the coming of the 20th century. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Steffan; a son, who died in infancy and a daughter, Valesca Steffan Marshall.

Mr. Steffan died August 28, 1883 and Mrs. Steffan died February 18, 1940 at the age of 91 years.

RICHARD WEBSTER MARSHALL was born in Taylor County Kentucky on July 27, 1857, the son of John A. Marshall and Ann E. Watson Marshall.

In 1893, he left his native state and came to Texas to engage in business in Houston. He came to Hearne in 1899 as manager of the National Cotton Oil Mill which later operated as the Industrial Oil

Mill. He held this position for several years and then was connected with the Merchants & Planters Company of Houston in a traveling capacity. Later he owned and operated a real estate and insurance agency in Hearne.

In 1900 he was married to Miss Valesca Steffan, daughter of Jacob Steffan and Eugenie Gerbracht Steffan. Mrs. Marshall was born in Hearne, June 16, 1880 and attended a public school in Hearne until she reached the high school grades. She then attended Winston-Salem Female College in North Carolina, graduating with the Class of 1899.

She and Mr. Marshall were married in St. Phillips Episcopal Church. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall; Eugenie Mashall Allen and Ann Marshall Cole. Grandchildren are: Richard Allen, Walter Allen, Brady Marshall Cole, Richard Rosser Cole, and Wharton Cole.

When the Planters & Merchants State Bank was organized in Hearne in 1907, Mr. Marshall was a member of the organizing group and served on the Board of Directors up to the time of his death. In addition to his private business, Mr. Marshall found time as a progressive citizen to serve as a director of the Hearne Building & Loan Association and a director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club, a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge, a member of the Hearne City Council, and served for many years on the Vestry of St. Philips Episcopal Church. Mr. Marshall died April 16, 1944 and Mrs. Marshall died May 20, 1957.

ROBERT CYRUS ALLEN was born in Bryan, Texas, November 4, 1871, and was the only son of Robert Aaron Allen and Alice Cyrus Allen, the former a native of Raleigh North Carolina and the latter a native of Fairfield, Texas.

When their son was two years of age, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aaron Allen moved to Hearne from Bryan and built their cottage home on the same lot where the Allen home now stands on the corner of Cedar and Second Streets.

It was here that Robert Cyrus Allen was reared. Educated in private schools of Hearne, and a Boston, Massachusetts College, he assumed charge of the R. A. Allen & Son business interests at the death of his father in 1898, and in the same building erected by his father in 1891, continued to operate the business up to the time of his death.

There were few changes other than enlargement of the stock to include furniture and funeral supplies, and the establishment operated for many years after R. A. Allen's death as R. A. Allen & Son, later being changed to Allen Hardware Company.

Robert Cyrus Allen served as Mayor of Hearne for two years, was for a time connected with the First National Bank as president, and was actively interested in civic affairs until his health began to fail.

He was married to Miss Florence Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blair of Waco, Texas, November 18, 1901. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen were: daughters, Florence Allen and Alice Allen; a son Robert Cyrus Allen Jr.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge, Consistory No. 4, Austin, Texas; Ben Hur Temple AAONME, Austin, Texas, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died March 19, 1933.

ALBERTA WADSWORTH BRASHEAR was a native Texan, born in Matagorda, September 16, 1855, one of eight children of the household of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wadsworth, Texas pioneers who succumbed during the Yellow Fever scourge in 1862.

The male members of the Wadsworth family being at that time engaged in the Civil War, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth made their home with friends until the conflict was over and the home re-established.

In 1868, Mrs. Brashear, then in her early teens, came to Hearne with her sister, Miss Mollie Wadsworth, to visit with another sister, Sarah Wadsworth Wilkerson, who shortly after the close of the Civil War had married Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson.

It was during 1868 that the H. & T. C. Railroad was built through Hearne. Mrs. Brashear did not return to Matagorda after the Civil War. She was married to James F. Exum who died three years after their marriage, leaving the widow and one daughter, Sallie Exum Smith.

The second marriage was to T. F. Brashear and was solemnized in 1880, and shortly afterward Mr. and Mrs. Brashear moved to Calvert where two sons and a daughter were born to them; Ghent Brashear McNabb, Thomas F. Brashear Jr., and William C. Brashear. Some years later they returned to Hearne with their family and it was here that Mr. Brashear died and he is buried in Norwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Brashear was affectionately known as "Grannie" and she helped to organize St. Philips Episcopal Church and was one of its most active Communicants. She also helped to organize Norwood Cemetery Association, being a charter member of this organization and the President for many years. Mrs. Brashear died August 12, 1935.

JOHN LAWRENCE JENNINGS was born December 10, 1837 in Louisiana and was married to Martha Virginia Morgan who was born November 19, 1840 in Louisiana. The following children were born to this couple: Robert Jennings, John Jennings, Edward Jennings, Mollie Jennings Riley, Lula Jennings Ayres, Carrie Jennings Clayton, and Alice Jennings Jett.

He was a member of Hood's Brigade in the Confederate Army. After the Civil War, with his family he moved to Hearne and opened

the first public school in 1866 in a small brick building located on First Street near the Grace Methodist Church. He was also a circuit riding Methodist preacher serving the eastern and northeastern section of Robertson County. On one of his many horseback trips over the country he was exposed to some bad weather and died from pneumonia February 14, 1877. He was the second person buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

JAMES WASHINGTON JENNINGS was born in Tennessee in 1814 and had two sons, William Jennings and John Lawrence Jennings. Both of his sons were members of the Confederate Army and William Jennings died from injuries received in battle during the Civil War.

The family moved from Tennessee to Louisiana and in 1864 moved to Texas and settled near Hearne, the family farm being located just north of Hearne. Mr. Jennings farmed and raised cattle in this area. James Washington Jennings died in 1881.

JAMES HENRY JETT was born at Warrior, Alabama, November 22, 1870, the son of James Wesley Jett and Angelia Livingston Jett. His mother died when he was a small boy. He moved to Texas and settled in Collin County in 1890 and was engaged in farming.

In Collin County he met Alice Amelia Jennings, daughter of John Lawrence Jennings and Martha Virginia Morgan Jennings of Louisiana who was visiting there and on October 31, 1894 they were married. Mr. and Mrs. Jett moved to Hearne in 1894.

In 1903 he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad and retired in 1943 after serving this railroad for 40 years. He died July 31, 1954.

Mrs. Jett was born April 2, 1877 at Hearne, Texas. Her father died two months before her birth and that of her twin brother Edward Jennings and her mother died when the twins were two years old in 1879. An older sister, Lula Jennings Ayres, reared the twins after the death of their mother. Mrs. Jett died April 8, 1952.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jett; J. Edward Jett, Mae Valine Jett Cottrell, Maxine Jett LaJoie, Trucie Jett Rohde, Harry Jennings Jett, Lula Dell Jett Chapman, Dorothy Jett Rogers, and William Houston Jett.

DR. HENRY PARNELL was born in Dallas County (now Bibb County) Alabama, June 24, 1833. As a young boy he was employed in the farm duties of his family farm, and attended elementary school.

He was graduated from medical school at Nashville, Tennessee and immediately upon finishing medical school left Alabama on horseback and rode to Texas to practice his chosen profession.

A few years after Dr. Parnell's residence in Texas, his father passed away and he made a trip to his home in Alabama to assist his mother in selling their farm land there and to make arrange-

ments for his mother and the other members of the family to move to Texas. After these arrangements had been made, his mother and family along with their Negro slaves came to Texas and settled in Grimes County near Bedias. The family lived in the Bedias community and continued their farming interest until after the Civil War was over and the slaves were freed. His mother then sold their farm lands and moved to Calvert, Texas.

Dr. Parnell was a well educated man and very religious, being a lifelong member of the Baptist Church.

He was married to Miss Harding of Old Waverly in Waller, County, Texas. A son, Charles Walter Parnell was born to this union. Upon the death of his first wife, Dr. Parnell enlisted in the Confederate Army and served as Chaplain and Surgeon, he previously having been ordained a Baptist minister.

After the Civil War he was married to a Miss Slaton of Mansfield, Louisiana. One son, Daniel Parnell, was born to this union. His second wife passed away in 1866 after an illness of Yellow fever.

In 1869 he was married to Louise Corley, who was related to the Hearne family, for whom the town of Hearne was named. Miss Corley's home was at Montgomery, Texas.

Six sons were born to this union: Averytt John Parnell, Claude Earl Parnell, Joe Hearne Parnell, Clement Lyle Parnell, Louis Henry Parnell, and Paul E. Parnell.

While the Parnell family was living at Montgomery, Texas, in 1869 Dr. Parnell became a member of the Masonic Lodge and retained lifetime membership in this fraternal order.

In 1875 the Parnell family moved to Richmond, Texas in Fort Bend County and in addition to his medical practice, Dr. Parnell with the assistance of his wife owned and operated a newspaper, "The Four Counties," and he wrote many "hot" editorials about the Civil War and other current topics. While living in Richmond, Dr. Parnell studied law and was admitted to the practice of this profession also. The great storm of 1875 when Old Indianola was wrecked was witnessed by Dr. Parnell during his residence there. The family later moved to Patterson in Fort Bend County and here Dr. Parnell practiced medicine and preached at the "Sweet Home" Church on a gratis basis due to the fact that a regular minister was not available. He was credited with the actual building of the first pulpit in this old pioneer church.

Due to ill health in the early part of 1883, Dr. Parnell with his family moved to the Hill Country northwest of Austin and later to Calvert.

On June 19, 1883, Dr. Parnell and his family moved to Hearne where he began his medical and dentistry practice that was to continue in Hearne for the remainder of his life. The family home was located on a high hill in the eastern part of Hearne where the Henry

Prairie Road comes into Hearne. Later on the family home was located on the corner of Davis and Magnolia Streets.

Along with his large medical practice in Hearne, Dr. Parnell looked after the medical needs of the inmates of four large convict labor camps in the Brazos Bottom. He also had a large medical practice in Milam County.

During his many years of practice in Hearne and vicinity, Dr. Parnell "patched up" many of the bad gunmen of this area on many occasions and was caught between a lot of these feuds as he rendered medical aid to those wounded in Hearne's early day gun fights.

Dr. Parnell did some preaching on the side in the Hearne area and owned a portable organ which his wife played at the services he conducted.

On December 18, 1889, Dr. Parnell passed to his reward leaving behind him a great record of service to his fellow man in the many fields in which he served. He was one of Hearne's most outstanding citizens of the era.

Mrs. Parnell passed away on July 16, 1919 at the family home which in 1958 is still standing, being the two-story frame home located on the corner of East Davis and San Antonio Streets. This home is also the location of Hearne's early day private school which was conducted by a Miss Pennuel.

DR. MARION MATKIN was born at Decatur, Alabama, August 29, 1836 and was married to Louisa Olivia Garrett, July 11, 1865 in Dayton, Alabama. Dr. Matkin died in Terrell, Texas, May 12, 1895. Mrs. Matkin died January 13, 1918 in Houston, Texas.

Dr. and Mrs. Matkin had ten children, three of them died at birth. The children were: Charles T. Matkin, born in Alabama, May 23, 1866; George C. Matkin, born at Dayton, Alabama, November 21, 1867; Ada Gordon Matkin, born in Hearne, Texas, November 26, 1870; Marion Morrison Matkin, born in Hearne, Texas, October 12, 1872; Lydia I. Matkin, born in Hearne, Texas, January 14, 1874; Louise Olivia Matkin, born in Hearne, Texas, June 27, 1876; and John Moseley Matkin, born in Hearne, Texas, January 1, 1877.

In 1868, Dr. Matkin with his wife and sons Charles and George moved from Alabama to Hearne, Texas to make their home. The Matkin family had lost everything they possessed when the Northern forces and carpet-baggers took over Alabama. The family started to California by wagon train. When they arrived in Hearne, Texas they found James F. Exum who Dr. Matkin had cared for when Mr. Exum had been wounded and left for dead. Mr. Exum had given Dr. Matkin a Prayer Book and a shoe lacer and asked him to try and get these articles back to his family as he thought he was dying. Mr. Exum was instrumental in getting the Matkin family to settle in Hearne, and also helped Dr. Matkin in the establishment of his practice in Hearne.

Dr. Matkin served in the Confederate Army under Pat Clayburn in the Fifteenth Arkansas Infantry as doctor and surgeon. He was captured in 1864 but escaped and returned to Alabama and rejoined the Southern forces a few months before the Civil War ended. While he was a captive of the North he served as a doctor aboard a Northern hospital ship and had a very interesting experience. A Northern woman who was visiting the wounded soldiers aboard the hospital ship was wearing a Masonic pin and Dr. Matkin gave her the Masonic distress signal and she helped him escape, furnishing him a slave, a horse, and a Yankee uniform in addition to forged safe conduct papers.

Dr. Matkin along with his father-in-law Dr. C. C. Garrett was very active in Masonic circles, Dr. Garrett having helped to initiate the Scottish Rites Degree in Texas. His picture hangs in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Galveston. Dr. Garrett burned to death in Calvert, Texas when the building in which he had his office burned. No trace of him was ever found.

Dr. Matkin's death was caused by a blow on his head, struck from behind by a man who wanted to "borrow" his horse. When Dr. Matkin refused, the man slipped up behind him and struck him on the head. Dr. Matkin's skull was fractured and he never recovered his health after the incident. A tale following this incident says that young Dr. Matkin traced his father's assailant to Mexico and years later a message was received by the Matkin family reading, "----- is now shoveling coal in H-----," signed, your loving son, George. Dr. George Matkin served in Hotel Dieu Hospital in Beaumont, Texas where he died in 1905.

Dr. Matkin's other son Charles was at one time Assistant Chief of Police at Fort Worth, Texas and died in 1932. His daughter, Louise Olivia was married to James Herman Ragland in Ennis, Texas and their son Herman Matkin Ragland was born in Waxahachie, Texas

Dr. Marion Matkin served as physician and surgeon for the H. & T. C. Railroad for a number of years and also owned and operated a drug store in Hearne.

WILLIAM CREANAN was born in Dublin Ireland, May 26, 1840. He came to the United States in 1870 to Hearne, Texas.

He was employed by the International & Great Northern Railroad Company when that railroad was being constructed through Hearne. Later he formed a partnership in the firm of Creanan & Peeples Meat Market and prior to this he worked in Brown's Meat Market in Hearne.

Later he purchased his partner's part in the meat market business and became one of Hearne's leading businessmen. He acquired a large acreage of land in the Hearne area and dealt extensively in the livestock business. His meat market was on Fourth Street.

He helped to organize and served as the first President of the Hearne Building & Loan Association and helped to organize the First National Bank of Hearne. He accumulated large farm and ranching interests.

In 1878 he was married to Miss Ellen Kelly of Ennis, Texas, and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crenan: Bartle Crenan, Andy Crenan, Ellen Crenan Hudson, and Mary Crenan Covington. The following grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Crenan were born and reared in Hearne: William E. Hudson, Oliver G. Hudson Jr., Andy Hudson, Mary Ellen Hudson, Nancy Hudson, Ruth Hudson, Nita Hudson, and Mae Hudson.

Mr. Crenan died January 25, 1924.

SIMON COHEN was born in Poland in 1842. In early manhood he moved to England. In 1866, after he was married, he came to the United States and made his home in New York for a while. From New York he moved to Detroit, Michigan where he followed the trade of an itinerant merchant. He later moved to Peoria, Illinois and from here he and his family moved to Englewood in Robertson County, Texas.

The following children had already been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cohen at the time they moved to Texas; Jake Cohen, Lizzie Cohen, Rosa Cohen, Rachel Cohen, Bertha Cohen, Libbie Cohen, and Pearl Cohen.

In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Cohen left Englewood to move to Hearne where the following children were born: Nathan Cohen (who died in infancy), Morris Cohen and Dave Cohen.

After moving to Hearne Mr. Cohen continued his business as an itinerant merchant, carrying his goods and wares from town to town on his back. The original Cohen home was located on the corner of Cedar and Third Streets.

In 1880 he established a retail grocery store in Hearne, this business being located on Magnolia Street in a frame building in the business district. In 1883 this business was completely destroyed by fire and Mr. Cohen lost heavily, having no insurance on his stock of goods or store fixtures. Later in 1883 he reopened a new retail grocery business on this same street in a brick building and continued to operate this business until his retirement in 1905. Upon his retirement, the operation of grocery store was continued by his two sons, Morris Cohen and Dave Cohen.

Mr. Cohen died in 1924 at the age of 82 years, and Mrs. Cohen died in 1904.

His life in America was typical of the Jewish merchant that immigrated to the United States and by hard work and good business management succeeded in the business world.

CHARLES PINKNEY WELCH son of William W. Welch and Eliza Rhea Welch was born September 7, 1859. He was married to Mary Louise Montgomery in 1892 and six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Welch, three of whom died in infancy and one at the age of seven years. The two remaining children are Lillian Welch Collier and Lucille Welch Martin. Mrs. Welch was born February 9, 1862 and died December 6, 1948, at the age of 86 years.

In his early manhood, Mr. Welch was a clerk for Easterwood Mercantile Company and later went into business for himself when he opened a wholesale flour and feed business. This firm was located on the corner of Magnolia and Fifth Streets.

He organized the Baptist Sunday School and was active in the church throughout his life. Mrs. Welch was organist in the church in her early life and also was active in other church work.

Mr. Welch died October 7, 1937.

AUGUSTUS M. LARKIN was born in 1860 and was married to Lula Eugenia McGaw on February 13, 1889. Mrs. Larkin was born in Benton, Yazoo County, Mississippi, January 18, 1865.

Mr. Larkin engaged in farming and ranching during his lifetime in Hearne and at one time was one of the larger ranchers of this area.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Larkin, two died in infancy. Other children are: Gussie Larkin Reed, Floy Larkin Walmon, Alva Larkin Preston, Lillian Larkin Hoefer, and Lula Larkin Henry.

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin are: Roy Larkin Henry, Carol Henry Stodgill, Paley A. Reed Jr., Lucien L. Reed, and Fay E. Hoefer Jr. Mrs. Larkin died July 7, 1903 and Mr. Larkin died in 1937.

JOSEPH SAMUEL MONTGOMERY was born in Cobb County, Georgia, December 26, 1844.

He served in the Civil War under Nathan B. Forest in the Confederate Army and came to Hearne in the early 1880's to make his home. A cotton gin located on the corner of Magnolia and Evans Streets was owned and operated by Mr. Montgomery. A grist mill was also located at this location by Mr. Montgomery and this establishment did a flourishing business at this location for many years.

On November 20, 1883 he was married to Miss Mary Louise Hostrasser who was born in Fayette, Mississippi, February 9, 1861 and was a member of a pioneer Hearne family, having moved to Hearne in 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery had two children; a son, Joseph Samuel Montgomery Jr. and a daughter, Mamie Montgomery Ballinger. Joseph Samuel Montgomery Jr. moved to Brazoria, Texas where he became the president of a bank.

Joseph Samuel Montgomery and Mary Louise Hostrasser Montgomery were the grandparents of Dr. Richard H. Ballinger and Cap-

tain Montgomery Ballinger of the U. S. Navy who were sons of Richard Henry Ballinger and Mamie Montgomery Ballinger.

Mamie Montgomery Ballinger was married to Richard Henry Ballinger on November 20, 1911. Mr. Ballinger was cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Kaufman, Texas and died January 17, 1919 during the Influenza epidemic. Mrs. Ballinger, with her two small sons, moved back to Hearne where she began a school teaching career in the Hearne Public School System that lasted for 27 years, Mrs. Ballinger retiring in 1945.

JUDGE ALBERT G. COBB was born in Leon County, Texas, August 16, 1846, and moved with his parents to Robertson County at the age of 4 years in 1850. He spent his boyhood in a country home about 12 miles from Franklin, Texas.

In January of 1866 he was married to Miss Marguerite Yardley, a resident of his home community. Some years after his marriage, Judge Cobb and his family moved to Wheelock and came to Hearne, Texas in 1900. Mrs. Cobb passed away in 1914. Children born to Judge and Mrs. Cobb were: Mrs. A. G. Arnett, Mattie Cobb New, Maggie Cobb, Viola J. Cobb, Newt Cobb, Will Cobb, John L. Cobb, and Harvey Cobb. Three other children born to this union died in infancy.

Judge Cobb, in addition to being Justice of the Peace of Precinct Number Two in Hearne, was also a leader in church work serving many years on the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church. In his business affairs, Judge Cobb's Christian thinking and upright living brought him the confidence of all men, and during the 14 years that he served at Wheelock as Justice of the Peace and the 18 years that he served in the same capacity at Hearne, he meted out justice in its real meaning. He was a member of the Confederate Army and served actively during the Civil War with T. W. McNeel and "Uncle Dick" Boswell. Judge Albert G. Cobb died May 1, 1924 and is buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

RICHARD BOSWELL was born on a farm between the line of Milam and Burleson counties April 12, 1847, and continued to live at the farm home until he was sixteen when the Civil War called him into the Confederate Army as a volunteer under the command of Captain Murray of Bonham. Later he was assigned to Carr's Company, Giddings Battallion for service on the Texas-Mexico border. His record shows that he was at Brownsville, Texas under Lieutenant Means, guarding cotton wagons from the interior, seeking markets at Matamoros, Mexico and in various other positions of trust. Much of this cotton was shipped from the Hearne area during the Civil War.

While never on the firing line in battle, his post of duty forced

him into rough and exciting conditions which as a patriot he met with the courage the time demanded.

Returning from the war, he sought the home of his parents, which during his absence had been changed to Robertson County, where he claimed a home for the remaining seventy years of his life.

He engaged in farming and stock raising at his new home at Elliott. In 1879 he was married to Miss Eugenia McGaw. He was very successful in his chosen field of work, and, when with his wife and children he moved to Hearne in 1902, the family were able to enjoy advantages that were denied at the farm home.

In later years, he was known affectionately to his many friends as "Uncle Dick," and was a number of times honored by Robertson County citizens and Hearne citizens in his election to offices of public trust and responsibility. As County Commissioner, Floterial Representative in the Thirty-First Texas Legislature, member of the Hearne City Council, and member of the Hearne School Board, he demonstrated his ability and worthiness of office in all his dealings.

For many years as the last survivor of Camp Moorman United Confederate Veterans, in which he registered as a charter member along with Dr. W. H. Kirksey, Captain C. C. Stone, Major R. H. Martin, T. W. McNeel and Judge Albert G. Cobb, he held dear the memories of the lost cause and his association with comrades of the 1860's.

Mr. and Mrs. Boswell had five sons: Ancil Boswell, Ran Boswell, Norman Boswell, Raymond Boswell and Henry Boswell; daughters, Inez Boswell Biggerstaff and Estelle Boswell Lacy.

"Uncle Dick" Boswell passed away January 5, 1930 ending the life of a great and noble Texas and Southern gentleman.

JOHNATHAN GIDEON WILKERSON was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1847 and in his early boyhood at about the age of 14 years enlisted in the Army of the Confederacy and served as a Bugle Boy.

After the Civil War was over, he came to Matagorda, Texas in the company of the Wadsworth boys, Ned and William, to make his home. Here he met Miss Sarah Hollon Wadsworth, sister of Ned and William Wadsworth, and was married to her on December 20, 1869.

Immediately following their marriage, the couple moved to Hearne to make their home. In Hearne he formed a partnership with Greenwood Brown and established the firm of Brown & Wilkerson, General Merchandise. This firm was located in Old Hearne on the east corner of the intersection of Market and Barton Streets. The entire business section of Hearne was located in the south end of town at that time.

Johnathan Gideon Wilkerson and Sarah Wadsworth Wilkerson

had two children; Albert Wadsworth Wilkerson, the first white child to be born in Hearne after the incorporation of the city in 1871, and Warren Aubrey Wilkerson, Hearne's first city manager.

Johnathan Gideon Wilkerson helped Dr. Horace Bishop to organize the Methodist Church in Hearne in 1870. He was known to his many friends as "Gid" Wilkerson and was one of Hearne's progressive pioneer citizens. He died December 31, 1873.

WILLIAM WORTH BIVIN was born at Monroe, Alabama, December 21, 1849. In early manhood he came to Hearne, Texas where he was married to Miss Elizabeth Peel. His wife passed away in 1907.

After the death of his wife he continued to reside at the family home on the corner of Easterwood and East Fourth Streets with his daughter Mrs. Clara Shaw.

During the more than half a century of Mr. Bivin's residence in Hearne, he filled many positions of trust. For thirty years he was an employee of the H. & T. C. Railroad. In 1921 he retired from the railroad to give his entire time to the office of City Secretary, which office he managed for a number of years along with his railroad duties. Altogether, Mr. Bivin looked after the City's affairs as city secretary for thirty years, serving also at different times as a member of the City Council and a member of the school board. He was cited in the local newspaper just prior to his death for his many years of faithful public service.

He was known to everyone of Hearne and was affectionately called "Judge" Bivin by his many friends. Judge Bivin was a pioneer member of the Hearne Methodist Church. He passed away November 28, 1924. He was the father of W. Harry Bivin and Clara Bivin Shaw.

WILLIAM JACKSON LORD was born in Jackson County, Georgia, July 25, 1853, and continued to live in his native state until 1902 when he and his family moved to Hearne to take charge of properties inherited from John N. Sailors, a pioneer resident of Hearne.

He was married to Miss Nannie Louise Martin on January 15, 1874. Mrs. Lord was a native of Jackson County, Georgia. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lord; two children died in infancy and a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Gober died in 1927. Other children of Mr. and Mrs. Lord were: J. T. Lord, O. G. Lord, W. E. Lord, Lela Lord, Nezzie Lord Sisson, Nannie Lee Lord Sedwick.

Mr. Lord engaged in farming and livestock raising up to the time ill health forced him to retire. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist Church and was a good citizen of Hearne. Mr. Lord died in October 1934 and is buried in Norwood Cemetery in

Hearne, a community where both he and Mrs. Lord formed many friendships with the older generation.

JAMES S. HENRY was born near Tabor in Brazos County, Texas, September 22, 1855. His parents, Hugh R. Henry and Margaret Foley Henry, pioneers of that community, reared a large family at their Brazos County home, each of the number going out from the parental roof as respected and honored citizens.

On December 24, 1879, James S. Henry and Miss Anna Clara Lefevere were united in marriage at Tabor, and in that community established their home.

Mr. Henry engaged in farming in the Tabor section until December 18, 1918 when with his family he moved to Hearne to reside. He was agent for various state newspapers during much of his active business years in Hearne.

The following children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry also made their homes in Hearne; James Warren Henry, Claude P. Henry, Roy Henry, Katie Henry Dorrell, and a foster son, Herman Henry.

Mr. Henry died April 7, 1933 and Mrs. Henry passed away November 27, 1944. Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry were active members of the Methodist Church.

W. A. "UNCLE BILLY" CRAIG was born November 3, 1855 at Redland in Leon County, Texas.

He came to Hearne in 1892 to make his home and his first employment was with the C. L. Dillard Grocery Company from 1892 to 1897. During 1897 he was employed by the National Compress Company and worked in this position until his retirement in 1946, a period of 49 years of service.

"Uncle Billy" was married to Miss Sallie Elizabeth Smart at Jewett, Texas on January 19, 1892. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig; Seth Craig and Bertram Craig. Bertram Craig died in 1937.

Mr. Craig was a very active member of the Methodist Church where he was a member of the Board of Stewards for 58 years and also sang in the church choir. He also served on the Board of Education of the Hearne School District. Mr. Craig died May 21, 1950 and Mrs. Craig died May 30, 1942.

PETER LOUIS BRADY was born in St. Louis, Missouri, October 31, 1859 the son of Daniel and Mary Brady. With his parents he came to Hearne, Texas to make his home in 1869 and lived here for the remainder of his life.

He was married to Miss Jessie Mathews and to this union was born four sons; Peter Louis Brady Jr., Dr. Jesse J. Brady, Edwin M. Brady, and Alfred B. Brady, and four daughters; Mary Brady Carson, Sister Irene Brady, Katherine Brady Hughes, and Elizabeth Brady Thompson.

An outstanding figure in Hearne, he was a worthy, upright, conscientious and forward looking citizen. He was called to various posts of honor and responsibility during his long and useful life, serving the City of Hearne as Mayor from 1896 to 1919 and for many years serving as Precinct Chairman of the Democratic Party.

In his private business, Peter Louis Brady devoted his attention to his farming and gin interests. He built the first electric power plant in the city under private ownership and was Mayor of Hearne at the time the city built the first municipal power plant.

Mr. Brady was a Communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in which faith he was reared by his parents, and in which he was followed by his family. The record of many years of public service makes Peter Louis Brady stand out among Hearne's pioneer citizens.

He died as he sat by his fireside at his colonial home December 4, 1935. This home was very near the site where the Brady family settled upon coming to Hearne in 1869. Mrs. Brady died in 1933.

SARAH WADSWORTH WILKERSON was born in Matagorda, Texas July 11, 1846, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Albert Wadsworth.

She was married to Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson, December 24, 1869 and this couple came to Hearne in that same year to make their home, Hearne at that time being just a small village, the terminus of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad.

Her husband died in 1873 leaving her with two small sons to rear, these sons being Albert W. Wilkerson who was born September 28, 1870 and Warren A. Wilkerson who was born May 15, 1873. She was very active in the work of the Episcopal Church, especially with the children of the church. She also served as postmaster for Hearne in the early days.

JAMES ARCHIE PEEL son of David Bothwell Peel and Jane C. Bell Peel was born in Macon County, Alabama, December 24, 1851. He was reared in Alabama and Mississippi, the family moving to Mississippi in 1867.

His educational advantages were restricted, his youthful years being during that unhappy period covered by the Civil War. He came to Texas at the age of 23 years in January 1875. Being without means, he came to Texas to secure a start in life for himself. A Robertson County farm was the site of his first employment in Texas. After four years of employment on this farm he moved across the Brazos River and rented a farm in Milam County, settled on this farm and began farming for himself. In 1887 he purchased the place which consisted of 600 acres. He greatly improved this place after purchasing it. This farm was just across the Brazos River at Port Sullivan and he put 300 acres into cultivation.

On September 9, 1877 he was married to Miss Rosella Hobbs,

daughter of James Hobbs and Eliza Hobbs who were natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Peel was born in Milam County. Mr. and Mrs. Peel had eleven children: James Archie Peel Jr. born June 24, 1878; Eva May Peel born March 12, 1879 and died January 9, 1880; David Franklin Peel born October 15, 1880; William Stadler Peel born October 10, 1882; Tom Lee Peel born October 12, 1884; Daniel Edward Peel born October 23, 1886; Lillian Kate Peel born November 26, 1888; Minnie Bell Peel born January 18, 1891; Mabel Pauline Peel born June 2, 1893; George Howell Peel born November 28, 1896; and J. Bryan Peel born February 13, 1899.

The religious connection of the family was with the Methodist Church, in which James Archie Peel was Trustee and Steward. He also served as Sunday School Superintendent. In politics, Mr. Peel was a Democrat, and in society was a member of the Knights of Honor, holding mebership in Oxenford Lodge No. 1799 at Hearne, Texas.

James Archie Peel died July 15, 1933. Mrs. Peel, who was born January 17, 1856, died November 8, 1938.

WESLEY PLATT FERGUSON was born at Selma, Alabama, June 30, 1852. At the death of his mother, when he was a small boy, he left the paternal home and moved to Fairview, Ohio, where, under the care of his grandmother, he spent his early boyhood.

He came to Texas in the late 1860's and settled at Port Sullivan, Milam County, Texas. Port Sullivan in those days was a thriving town, with the Brazos River navigable to this section, and furnished a means of transportation.

In the early 1870's he joined his father at Port Sullivan and after a brief stay at this place he returned to Ohio to complete his schooling in Springfield. Later he came back to Texas bringing his sister, Miss Mary Augusta Ferguson, who later was married to William Tillett Watt.

Mr. Ferguson moved from Port Sullivan to Hearne when the H. & T. C. Railroad had been constructed to Hearne and while Hearne was sparsely settled. Indications were that Hearne would grow into a thriving township.

His first employment in Hearne was with the firm of Franklin & Company and later he was employed by Hale & Company. Following his association with these firms, he became associated with his brother-in-law, William Tillett Watt, in the hardware and banking business, Mr. Ferguson continuing for a time in the private banking business after Mr. Watt's removal to Waco.

In 1892 Mr. Ferguson went to Waco where for two years he was cashier of the Provident National Bank, this bank having been organized by W. T. Watt.

On January 14, 1892, Mr. Ferguson was married to Miss Irene

Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Barton of Calvert, Texas. The young couple came to Hearne in 1894 and established their home on Magnolia Street, on which homesite they continued to reside throughout their life together. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were: W. P. Ferguson Jr., C. B. (Tony) Ferguson, Watt Ferguson, Augusta Ferguson, and Irene Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson was instrumental in organizing the First National Bank in Hearne in 1894 and became the first cashier of this new bank. He served this bank for twenty-six years as cashier and later president, assuming the presidency at the death of L. W. Carr in 1911. He retired from active business in 1920. Active in all civic organizations, Mr. Ferguson figured in the affairs of Hearne for more than a half century. He was a Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Wesley Platt Ferguson died February 8, 1930.

WILLIAM HIRAM DAVISON was born at Independence, Texas, February 7, 1857, his parents being natives of Kentucky who moved to Texas several years prior to the beginning of the Civil War, settling in Washington County.

He spent his boyhood at his birthplace, and left Independence to move to Hearne with his parents in 1872. Hearne at that time was in its infancy. Mr. Davison spent the remainder of his life in Hearne.

In 1904 he was married to Miss Stella Smith, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Smith, Mrs. Smith and her daughters, Pearl, Anna, Stella and Josie having moved to Hearne from Mexia, Texas in 1895.

His early business connections were with some of Hearne's leading merchants, and in 1895 he set up a mercantile establishment of his own with J. H. Hartzog as partner. This partnership was dissolved after a short time and the firm name of Davison used afterward with the exception of a few years when J. C. Smith was taken into the firm and the business was then known as Davison & Smith Dry Goods Company. Mrs. Davison was active in the operation of this business for many years.

He was active in civic affairs and served as a member of the City Council for many years, being upright and honest in all his dealings with his fellowman, and true as steel to every friend. His nature was quiet and unassuming, yet genial and happy at all times. He was quick to respond to help the needy and those whom ill fortune had touched. He had a great and tender love for little children, scores of whom were listed among his many friends. In the passing of William Hiram Davison September 20, 1924, Hearne and Robertson County lost a useful and beloved citizen.

MARTHA SCHAFER HENSON was born in Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, November 5, 1857, a daughter of John F. Schafer and Anna Albrecht Schafer, who reared a family of nine children.

In 1874, Mr. and Mrs. Schafer came with their family to Hearne, establishing a home on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets where the present post office building now stands. Later the family built a home on the corner of Cedar and Davis Streets on the site where the W. H. Ely home now stands.

In 1895 she married William D. "Uncle Billy" Henson at the Cedar Street residence, and with her husband who had plantation interests, she went to the Brazos Bottom to live. Some years after this, Mr. and Mrs. Henson resided for a time at their country home several miles south of Hearne near the Sutton community. They disposed of this place when they moved back to Hearne in 1928.

Having seen Hearne grow from a newly populated railroad village to a thriving and progressive town, Mrs. Henson was very interested in civic affairs throughout her life. She served as President of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Philips Episcopal Church, was Secretary-Treasurer of Norwood Cemetery Association for 35 years, and during World War I was very active in Red Cross work.

After the death of her husband in 1939 she lived quietly at her home located at 610 Davis Street where those around her knew her as a good neighbor and a sincere friend. She was known in this community as "Miss Mattie" and was typical of the pioneer women of early Hearne. She had been a communicant of St. Philips Episcopal Church for over fifty years, and died August 29, 1943.

WILLIAM DAVID TERRY was born in Kentucky in 1859 and came to Tearne in 1884. Here he met Miss Lily Ayres to whom he was married in 1885.

Mr. Terry, known in railroad circles as "Baldy" Terry, began his railroad career in Hearne in the early days when wood was used as engine fuel. He was first engaged as a "hostler" at the round house of the H. & T. C. Railroad and following this was in turn a fireman and locomotive engineer. He was engineer for the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad running from Hearne to Stone City for many years and during the latter years of his railroad service he had a run from Heane to Giddings on the Dalsa.

For a number of years, Mr. Terry served on the local school board and was actively identified with the Baptist Church all of his adult life. He was a charter member of the Hearne Camp of Woodmen of the World and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

After he retired from railroad service in 1922, he spent some time in Houston but maintained property interest in Hearne which brought him back often to visit with his many friends.

Mrs. Terry was born in Mississippi and moved to Hearne in early girlhood to make her home with her brother Jim Ayres. Mr. Ayres owned and operated a variety store in Hearne and later served as

town photographer. Mr. Ayres was married to Miss Lula Jennings and three daughters were born to this couple: Lillie Belle Ayres Delhome, Marvel Ayres Ferney, and Jimmie Lou Ayres Rasco. Mrs. Ayres was a sister to Mrs. J. H. Jett, and their father was Professor Jennings, a schoolmaster in Hearne in the early days.

William David Terry and Lily Ayres Terry had eight children: Charles B. Terry, Dwight L. Terry, Eli B. Terry, Ted Terry, Willie Terry, Clifford Terry, Lougenia Terry, and Helen Terry.

Mr. Terry died March 27, 1935 and Mrs. Terry died March 26, 1936.

CARR BATES SMYTH was born November 5, 1859 in Westhertlepool, England. In 1884 he was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Johnson of Sunderland, England who was born September 17, 1859, and the young couple came to the United States, settling in Hearne shortly after their arrival and resided in Hearne for the remainder of their lives.

Mr. Smyth was a sailor in the British Navy for twelve years, but abandoned the seafaring life when he came to the United States.

During his early residence in Hearne he was engaged in the restaurant business and was assisted in the operation of this business by his wife. After retiring from the restaurant business, Mr. Smyth followed the trade of painter and paper hanger, building up a reputation in his work which caused a constant demand for his services.

Mr. Smyth and Mrs. Smyth were good citizens in their adopted homeland throughout the many years of their residence and accumulated a host of friends among the old time citizens of Hearne. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smyth were communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smyth: a daughter Frances who died in infancy, John G. Smyth, Leah Smyth Brown, Earl Smyth, and Bettie Smyth Childers.

Mr. Smyth died in 1927 and Mrs. Smyth died in 1938.

SAM E. KENNER was born in Newberry, South Carolina, September 9, 1862. He lived in his native state until he was 11 years old when his family moved to Houston, Texas.

He came to Hearne in 1887, having been transferred from Houston as manager for the Crescent News & Hotel Company in connection with the H. & T. C. Railroad Company and the I. & G. N. Railroad Company. He served in this capacity until 1907 and for the remainder of his life devoted his time to his personal business. He owned and operated a lunch counter at the passenger depot for many years and also operated a railroad men's rooming house near the union passenger station.

Mr. Kenner was married, in 1889 to Miss Fannie Bayliss of the Hearne community. Mr. and Mrs. Kenner were the parents of Bayliss

Kenner and Nena Mae Kenner Johnson. Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Kenner are: Louise Kenner Sullivan, Billy Frances Johnson, Junior Johnson, and Jesse Kenner Reinhardt.

By reason of his long residence in Hearne, Mr. Kenner was known to practically everyone in this area. He and Mrs. Kenner were communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church. Mr. Kenner died in 1942.

ISAAC LEVINE was born in Poland, July 16, 1863 and came to America to make his home during early manhood.

He came to Hearne in 1900 and was active in the business of owning and operating his dry goods store until his retirement.

He was married to Miss Rosa Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cohen. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Levine: Pansy Levine, Beatrice Levine, Fanny Levine, and a son Ralph Levine. Mr. Levine was highly respected by his fellowman, and was successful in his business. He died April 17, 1957.

ROBERT L. GREEN was born in Louisiana, November 15, 1864 and moved with his family to Texas in 1875. The family settled in Robertson County in the Elliott community where Mr. Green grew to young manhood. His parents were John Bradley Green and Elizabeth Wright Green.

In 1884 he was married to Miss Olive McWilliams who was born in Shelby County, Texas and reared in the Blackjack community just east of Hearne. To this union was born two sons: Thomas Edgar Green and Johnie Green; and six daughters: Gladys Green, Mary Green, Bessie Green, Corrie Green, Mattie Green, and Eloise Green. Corrie Green was married to Claude Allen and Gladys Green was married to Ben F. Rikard. Mrs. Green passed away in 1917.

Mr. Green's second marriage was to Annie Laurie Purifoy.

In early manhood Mr. Green was employed by the H. B. Easterwood Mercantile Company, a general merchandise store in Hearne, and worked for this firm for 30 years. In 1916 Mr. Green went into the retail grocery business for himself and continued in this business up to the time of his death January 28, 1924.

He was honored by his fellow citizens in being elected to serve for many years on the Hearne City Council. He was active in the First Baptist Church and served on the Board of Deacons.

KARL FREDERICK CHRISTIAN WENCK was born in Baden, Germany, January 27, 1864. He spent his early boyhood in Germany where he attended school for two years in the elementary grades. He also worked as an apprentice shoemaker during his early boyhood and young manhood.

The skill and craftsmanship of the European worker is a sacred trust. His art has been handed down from father to son, and to grand-

son; since the middle ages. These craftsmen were originally bonded together in craftsmen's guilds and were honor bound to maintain the standards and reputation of their craft. From such background and experience Karl Frederick Chistian Wenck came to Ameica in 1886, landing at Galveston, Texas. He then went to New Baden, Texas in Robertson County and worked in Franklin, Texas as a shoemaker. During these times all shoes were hand made and shoemaking was a very profitable business.

During the year of 1895 he was married to Miss Margareth Reusch of New Baden and during this same year Mr. and Mrs. Wenck moved to Hearne to make their home. Mr. Wenck continued his profession of shoemaking and Mrs. Wenck was employed for many years as a housekeeper in the H. K. Davis home. Mrs. Wenck was born in Louisville, Kentucky, November 15, 1876, the daughter of German immigrants who came to America in the early 1800's.

Mr. Wenck was a shoemaker in Hearne until 1915 when the cost of shop built shoes and boots became prohibitive due to the fact that ready-made shoes and boots could now be bought. However, he continued to be a shoe repair man for many years in Hearne. He accumulated a number of friends in Hearne due to his pleasing personality and his quick wit. Mr. and Mrs. Wenck were members of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Wenck held membership in the Sons of Herman Lodge in Bryan.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wenck: Joe Wenck, Carrie Wenck Hill, Karl Wenck Jr., August Wenck, Johnnie Wenck, and Paley A. Wenck. Four other children of Mr. and Mrs. Wenck died in infancy.

This fine old German couple were typical of the early German immigrants that settled in Hearne during the early years. Mr. Wenck passed away February 23, 1935 and Mrs. Wenck died November 10, 1944.

WILLIAM HENRY ELY, son of Lafayette Ely and Susan Frances Fowler Ely, was born near Milano in Milam County, Texas, January 25, 1865.

In 1885 he was married to Miss Myra Walker who was born February 14, 1870. He and Mrs. Ely moved to Hearne in 1895 and he engaged in the business of cattle raising, farming, and meat market owner.

In 1902 he was elected as County Commissioner and served in this capacity until 1912. He also served as a member of the Hearne School Board for 6 years. Elected to the Hearne City Council in 1919 he served in this capacity for two years and then was elected Mayor in 1921 and served until 1937. Mr. Ely was a tireless worker in any progressive movement for Hearne and during his service as Mayor many public improvements in the city were accomplished.

Mr. Ely aided in the organizing of the Planters & Merchants State Bank and the Hearne Building & Loan Association. At the time of his death he was serving as vice president of both organizations.

During his many years in the business life of Hearne, Mr. Ely was associated with his brother H. A. Ely in the cattle and farming business and accumulated vast land and property holdings in this area.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ely: Arna L. Ely, Roy O. Ely, Elsie Ely, Willie Ely Erwin, Frances Ely Bluestein, Ruby Ely Stephens, Katie Ely Thames, Addie Ely Moss, and Eleanor Ely Lincoln.

Mr. Ely died March 5, 1948 and Mrs. Ely died February 5, 1949.

CARSWELL LONG DILLARD was born in Leon County, Texas, February 11, 1865. He was married to Miss Callie Elizabeth Bass in 1893 and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dillard: Will T. Dillard, Anita Dillard Tysk, Elizabeth Dillard, Madelyn Dillard Fleetwood, and Mrs. E. J. Reed.

Mr. Dillard started in business for himself in Hearne in the retail grocery business after having worked in the Easterwood General Merchandise Store. At the time of his death he was one of the oldest active business men in Hearne.

Always active in civic affairs, Mr. Dillard served over 30 years on the Hearne City Council. He was a member of the City Council in 1911 when the city constructed the Municipal Electric and Water Works System. Mr. Dillard retired from the city council in 1947.

A charter member and one of the mainstays of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, he served two years as president of that organization and was a director for nearly twenty years. At the Chamber of Commerce banquet in 1948, he was presented with a plaque in recognition of his many years of service and as an outstanding citizen of the community. He was also one of the most tireless workers in the project to secure natural gas service for Hearne in 1927-28 and spent quite a sum of his personal funds to further this project. He was a member of the Free Woodmen of the World and the Baptist Church. Mr. Dillard died October 2, 1952 and Mrs. Dillard died February 3, 1951. Few men have rendered more public service than C. L. Dillard.

ROBERT MARION McCARVER was born at Ashland, Mississippi, March 27, 1866, the son of John W. McCarver and Melvina Chester McCarver, pioneers of the State of Mississippi.

He attended the country school in Ashland and worked on his father's farm during his boyhood days. When he was a young man, he left his home in Mississippi and went to Nashville, Tennessee where he was employed operating a horse-drawn street car.

In 1884 he came to Texas to join two older brothers, James H. McCarver and John H. McCarver, who had already established them-

selves on a farm near Salado, Texas. He was employed for a short time with his brothers then went to Palestine, Texas where he worked in a printing shop.

Later on he was employed by the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad Company and the I. & G. N. Railroad Company where he worked first as a section hand, extra gang foreman, bridge gang foreman and section foreman, following the type of work that many of Irish extraction followed during the days that railroading was in its infancy in Texas.

On December 25, 1890, he was married to Miss Centennia Barnhouse, daughter of William Barnhouse and Christine Wheeler Barnhouse, who was born at McGregor, Iowa, March 29, 1876. Mrs. McCarver came to Hearne, Texas with her family in September, 1876 when she was only six months old, her father having been a village school teacher, store owner, and farmer in Iowa. Mrs. McCarver's family lived in Hearne at the old Lallier Hotel for six months during 1876-77, while their new home in Milam County was being built. When the new home was finally completed and the family situated in Texas, Mrs. McCarver's father cleared his farm land of timber and sold the wood to the I. & G. N. Railroad Company for fuel to fire the boilers on the locomotives.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarver were married at the old Barnhouse home located between Gause and Milano, the old homestead site now being the location of a state roadside park.

Mr. McCarver was employed in railroad work for over thirty years, being promoted to the job of Roadmaster for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company to become effective January 1, 1919. However, while serving in the duties of Roadmaster he was killed in a train wreck between Elliott and Franklin, December 28, 1918.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, served as Deacon in the First Baptist Church, and taught the men's Bible Class for many years.

Mrs. McCarver was also an active member of the First Baptist Church for many years until her health failed. Mrs. McCarver passed away March 7, 1944 at the family home on Cedar Street.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. McCarver: Rosa McCarver, Kate McCarver Davis, Pearl McCarver Brennan, Lillian McCarver, Robert M. McCarver, Lois McCarver Robbins, William David McCarver, Norman L. McCarver, John W. McCarver, and Mavis McCarver Knapp.

SAM LIPSITZ was born in Europe in 1856 and came to the United States in early life.

He was married January 23, 1887 to Miss Lizzie Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cohen. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lipsitz: Louis Lipsitz, Tillie Lipsitz Oderbolz, Hortense Lipsitz Friedlander, and Mrs. Adolph Schepps.

He engaged in the mercantile business in Hearne for 33 years and then moved to Houston and later to Calvert where he lived at the time of his death.

During his active business years in Hearne, Mr. Lipsitz was honored by the citizens of Hearne by being elected to serve on the Hearne City Council. He will long be remembered in Hearne for his calm and happy disposition and the cheery greeting he had for all who passed his way. Always ready to cooperate in movements for the benefit of his chosen town, he took a deep interest in current state and national affairs which he enjoyed discussing with his friends.

His life in Hearne was a constant accumulation of friends and esteem. He died in 1934.

EDWIN CEPHAS VAUGHAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Vaughan, was born on the Vaughan plantation near Selma, Alabama, May 13, 1866. He spent his youth in Alabama on the family plantation and later moved to Calvert, Texas.

On December 25, 1889 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Tempe Willis at Beck Prairie near Franklin, Texas. Mrs. Vaughan was born at Memphis, Tennessee and moved to Texas with her family and settled in the Beck Prairie Community.

Two children were born to Edwin Cephas Vaughan and Elizabeth Tempe Willis Vaughan: a daughter Vera who died during the "flu" epidemic in 1917 and a son Edwin R. Vaughan. One child was born to Vera, a son Edwin Grant Scott.

Edwin Cephas Vaughan and his wife and family moved to Hearne in February 1900 from Calvert and purchased land which was formerly the old Van Iron farm located two and one half miles northwest of Hearne. The roadway leading from State Highway Number 190 to this farm is still known as Vaughan Lane. Mr. Vaughan lived on the farm up to the time of his death which occurred February 6, 1931.

Mr. Vaughan was the first farmer in Robertson County to irrigate his crops. He installed on the bank of Little Brazos River, which ran through his farm, a centrifugal pump powered by a gasoline engine and pumped water through a six inch line and irrigated 30 acres each year. This irrigated acreage was usually planted in Fall tomatoes, and the tomatoes raised on this farm were known as Vaughan Brazos Valley Tomatoes and were in state-wide demand. Other truck crops that Mr. Vaughan raised on this irrigated land were: lettuce, onions and cantaloupes.

In addition to his farming and ranching interests, Mr. Vaughan served as office manager for the Robertson County Road Commission for a two year period and maintained his office in the old First National Bank building on the corner of Third and Market Streets. This commission was in charge of all expenditures for the graveling of all rural roads leading into Hearne.

Mr. Vaughan was one of Hearne's and Robertson County's most active citizens in business, farming and civic activities.

THORNTON PEYTON GRIFFIN was born January 25, 1867 in Hearne, Texas. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Griffin, pioneer citizens of the Hearne community, and he lived his entire lifetime in Hearne. He was married to Miss Lou Shaw, and two children were born to them: a daughter, Grace Griffin Adkisson, and a son T. P. Griffin Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin had one grandson, Marsene Adkisson.

Mr. Griffin was elected City Marshal of Hearne in 1894 at the age of 27 years and served in this capacity for 43 years, being elected to this office 21 consecutive times without suffering a single defeat at the polls.

After one of his campaigns for the office one of his opponents was reported to have said, "I lost the election to old Chief, but I found out one thing. There are more liars in Hearne than any place in the world." This opponent collected the sum total of five votes in the race. In another election, another opponent of the Chief's is reported to have said after the election, "A man that doesn't have any more friends than I have should have a permit to carry a gun." This opponent received three votes.

Chief Griffin retired from the office of City Marshal in 1937 after serving in this capacity for 43 years. After his retirement he remained on the police force as a 'special' officer up to the time of his death.

During his long tenure of office, Chief Griffin was recognized as one of the most efficient peace officers of the state, displaying unusual skill and insight as a detective, capturing many fugitives from justice and fearlessly and impartially fulfilled the duties of his office.

In the early years of Chief Griffin's service, Hearne was known as a tough town being located at the crossroads of two main line railroads. Many tough characters frequented the town and there were many saloons where the usual toughs congregated to settle their differences. Throughout his long years of service, Hearne citizens looked to Chief Griffin for law and order, in fact, the name Chief Griffin, meant law and order.

He was a courageous peace officer and feared no man while he respected the rights of all. It has been said that he could see a man across the street and tell whether he had a gun on or not.

Chief Griffin wore a big badge, a large Texas Star, which was presented to him by officials of Anderson County, Texas in appreciation for his part in arresting a notorious criminal. No mob ever took a prisoner from him but twice it was attempted and he placed the prisoners on horses and told them to "follow me" and he took them to another jail and safety.

His knack of spotting and picking up criminals earned him state-

wide notoriety among peace officers, and as a result the criminal element soon learned to detour when passing through the Hearne territory.

Chief Griffin served Hearne in the days when the phrase, "Hearne, Hempstead and Hell" was coined, and in those days this phrase was to be taken literally. It meant just what it says . . . Hearne was real tough. The big pearl-handled, silverplated Colt 45 that Chief Griffin carried was a present from a group of Hearne business men and it helped the Chief in many occasions in his dealings with the early Hearne desperadoes.

As the years went by and Chief Griffin was advanced to the rank of "Hearne Pioneer," there is every reason to believe that he found happiness and contentment amid the scenes of a quiet and law abiding Texas town that he tamed, and loved throughout a useful and long life.

With the passing of Chief Griffin March 9, 1947, at the age of 80 years, Hearne lost a man who typified the early day Texas Marshal — the kind that added such a colorful and glorious chapter to the history of Texas.

WILLIAM BRADY, son of Daniel and Mary Brady, and brother of Peter Louis Brady, was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1868.

He came to Hearne with his family to make his home in 1869 when Hearne was in its infancy and was a part of Texas considered a mecca for many who visioned bright prospects for the future.

William Brady, affectionately known to all as "Uncle Big Willie," adopted the trade of machinist, and for many years followed this trade in connection with his work at cotton gins. He was considered an expert in both of these lines of work.

Mr. Brady, a bachelor, lived in Hearne from the time he was a boy until his death which occurred March 30, 1935.

RICHARD ROSSER COLE was born January 4, 1875 at Belton, Texas, but lived most of his life in Milam and Robertson Counties. He was married to Miss Mabel Brady of Maysfield, Texas, who was born October 6, 1876. Mr. Cole was the son of William Isaac Cole and Martha Ann Nixon Cole who were early settlers on their farm in Bell County, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole made their first home at Port Sullivan where he personally looked after farm interest before coming to Hearne to live. Operating a retail grocery store known as Cole's Corner located on the corner of Fifth and Magnolia Streets, he also dealt extensively in the cotton business in this section of the state. Following a business connection with Lawrence Grocery Company, wholesale distributors with Hearne headquarters, he returned to his land holdings near Hearne in the Brazos Bottom. He ran a country store

and looked after his farming interests up to the time of his retirement.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cole: Fred Lamar Cole, Brady Nixon Cole, and Agnes Cole Carter. Grandchildren: Brady Marshall Cole, Rosser Cole, Wharton Cole, Fred Lamar Cole Jr., Rex Walton Cole, Jane Cole Carter White, and Marilu Carter Poenish.

Mr. Cole died June 24, 1946 and Mrs. Cole died February 27, 1936.

DR. HATCH WHITFIELD CUMMINGS was born in Aberdeen, Mississippi, September 14, 1869 and moved to Hearne, Texas in 1894 to practice his profession.

He was married to Miss Pauline Eckerle and the following children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Cummings: Dr. H. W. Cummings Jr, Frances Cummings Swanson, Helen Cummings Graves, Sue Cummings Gibson, and Clemmie Cummings Barclay.

Dr. Cummings was long active in the affairs of the state medical association, having studied medicine at the Nashville Medical School. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church from 1894 to 1946; served on the State Medical Board; was President of the P. & M. State Bank of Hearne; President of the Hearne Building & Loan Association; President of the Hearne School Board 1925 to 1929; President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; served as Physician and Surgeon for the S. P. Railroad; a member of the Texas Railway Surgical Association; President and charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club; and served as President of the Texas State Medical Association.

Active in politics, he served for six years as a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Dr. Cummings died July 29, 1946 after having practiced medicine in Hearne for 52 years.

JOHN H. MOSS was born in Robertson County, Texas, March 10, 1870 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Moss, pioneer citizens of the Hearne community. He lived in Hearne and Robertson County all of his life.

During his early manhood he became a cotton farmer in the Brazos Bottom and continued to be in the cotton business until 1925. In 1925 and 1926 he served the citizens of this Precinct as Public Weigher at the Hearne Compress.

He was elected County Commissioner of Precinct Number 2 in 1928 and continued to serve in this capacity up to the time of his death.

On July 16, 1893 he was married to Miss Adda E. Mathews, who was also a lifelong resident of Hearne. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moss: John H. Moss Jr., Roy L. Moss, Paul Moss, Robert H. Moss, Ruth Moss Burney, and Berta Moss Renfro.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss were pioneer citizens of Hearne and both were active in the civic and church life of Hearne for many years. Mr. Moss died December 31, 1940 and Mrs. Moss died October 1, 1955.

PALEY A. REED was born in Bryan, Texas, December 12, 1870 and spent his early boyhood and young manhood in that city.

In 1907 he moved to Hearne and was engaged in farming and ranching and later owned and operated a meat market on Fourth Street in Hearne. He also served as County Commissioner in Precinct Number Two of Robertson County for three consecutive terms and was serving in this capacity when several of the rural roads in the Hearne area were constructed.

He was married to Miss Gussie Larkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus M. Larkin of Hearne, March 17, 1907. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed: Lucien Larkin Reed and Paley Andrew Reed Jr. During the years before his retirement, Mr. Reed owned and operated a large acreage in the Brazos Bottom where he was a cotton planter.

Paley Andrew Reed died April 23, 1957.

ALBERT WADSWORTH WILKERSON, son of Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson and Sarah Wadsworth Wilkerson, was born in Hearne at the family home on Market Street, September 28, 1870. He is said to have been the first white child to be born in Hearne.

He attended Miss Penuel's private school in Hearne and later attended Sewanee Preparatory School and was graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Living in Hearne until he reached manhood, he was associated with his brother, Warren A. Wilkerson, in the lumber and hardware business. Later, he moved to Bryan where he served as cashier of the City National Bank from 1902 to 1918, and later he became an officer in the Alamo Bank of San Antonio, Texas. In 1919 he became President of the State Bank in Austin and served in that capacity until 1927 when he moved to Houston to assume the presidency of the Marine Bank & Trust Company which later merged with the National Bank of Commerce in that city.

He was examiner of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation in 1932 and at one time was a member of the executive council of the American Banker's Association.

He was married to Miss Mary Clare Weeden of Hearne and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson: John Wadsworth Wilkerson, Dr. Edward Albert Wilkerson, and Aubrey Clare Wilkerson Smith.

Albert Wadsworth Wilkerson died at Houston, Texas, May 30, 1941 and is buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

FREDERICK WILLIAM CHARLES KARNEY was born in Lavaca County, Texas in 1867 and was the son of Carl Karney and Amelia Pauline Karney.

He came to Hearne from San Antonio as a young man in 1895, forming his first business connection here with R. A. Allen & Son, who operated a saddle and harness-making department with their hardware and implement establishment.

In charge of the saddlery until it was discontinued after the days of extensive motor travel, Mr. Karney served the company in other departments of the store, holding his position there after the firm name was changed to Allen Hardware Company and up to the time of his last illness.

He was married to Miss Carolyn Waltmon, November 19, 1903 and they had one son: Dr. Frederick William Charles Karney Jr. Mr. Karney had been a member of the Methodist Church since 1905 and served as a member of the Board of Stewards for 23 years. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the P. & M. State Bank, Director of the Hearne Building & Loan Association, and a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club.

A man of unassuming manner; genial and kind, he formed many friendships in the Hearne area. Frederick William Charles Karney died in 1940.

IVERSON D. BREEDLOVE was born at Florence, Arkansas, November 1, 1871 and attended school at this location. On February 3, 1892, he was married to Miss Mary Catherine Aycock who was also born and reared at Florence, Arkansas. Mrs. Breedlove was born November 22, 1872, and her parents were Sam E. Aycock and Elizabeth Aycock.

In 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove moved to Hearne to make their home, Mr. Breedlove being employed by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company.

In 1918 he moved to Houston where he entered the retail furniture business and continued in this business until his retirement in 1940.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove were members of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Breedlove was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove: Neuland Breedlove, Garland Breedlove, and Roy Breedlove, all of whom died in infancy. The fourth son was Iverson D. Breedlove Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove also had two daughters; Elizabeth Breedlove Easterwood and Eddie Breedlove Biggs. Mr. Breedlove died August 5, 1944 and Mrs. Breedlove died March 27, 1949.

ALFRED B. BOYD was married to Miss Della Hitchins, daughter of M. Hitchins and Martha Jane Hitchins.

Mrs. Boyd was born at Rusk, Texas. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd made their home at New Birmingham, Texas near Rusk. New Birmingham was a "boom" town and at one time produced minerals in large quantities. Mr. Boyd established a drug store in this town and operated it for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd moved to Hearne in the early 1890's and for 53 years Mr. Boyd owned and operated Boyd's Drug Store which was located on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets. Boyd's Corner was one of the most popular gathering places for Hearne citizens for many years. It was a very common expression in Hearne to hear someone say, "OK, I'll meet you on Boyd's corner."

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were: Alfred B. Boyd Jr. and Ruth Boyd Welborn. Grandchildren were: Robert Boyd, Arthur Boyce Boyd, and Betty Ruth Boyd.

Mr. Boyd died in 1946 and Mrs. Boyd died in 1957.

SAM BROWN was the son of Jim Brown and a nephew of Code Brown who ran the old stagecoach inn which was located in the north section of Hearne. He was also a nephew of Greenwood Brown who was a partner in the early Hearne firm of Brown & Wilkerson.

Sam Brown was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Constable at Hearne in 1896 and served through 1927. He was constable in Hearne during the wild and woolly days and was famous as a peace officer. Many times he teamed with Chief Griffin in the capture of criminals in this area.

He was married to Miss Nettie Lockett, sister of Shad and Victor Lockett. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Travis Brown and Mervin Brown Fulton. Mrs. Brown died in 1897.

JUDGE JOHN FELTON LANE was born in Longview, Texas, April 23, 1872, the son of W. T. Lane and Dorothy Florede Felton Lane. He was a grandson of John S. Lane, soldier of the Republic of Texas, and was married to Miss Molly Wooley at Longview, Texas on April 23, 1893, and was that same year admitted to the bar.

After serving two years as assistant county attorney of Gregg County, Judge Lane with his wife came to Hearne in 1895. He practiced law in Hearne continuously from 1895 to 1942, a period of 47 years.

During the many years that he practiced law in Hearne, Judge Lane formed several professional connections. Lane & Bishop, Lane & Wood, Lane, Johnson & Killough, Lane & Reed, Lane & Grace had constituted the firm name over certain periods.

He was an active member of the Texas Bar Association, the Robertson County Bar Association, and honorary member of the South Central Texas Bar Association.

Judge Lane was appointed by Governor Campbell to the post of District Attorney of the 20th Judicial District which position he

held two years and from which he voluntarily retired. He served as Special District Judge in Robertson County in 1901; was appointed by Governor Neff to special Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals.

He held many positions of trust and honor throughout the years he was known to Robertson County. He served as City Attorney for Hearne from 1896 to 1942; was attorney for the Hearne Building & Loan Association, and Chairman of Robertson County Democratic Executive Committee.

Judge Lane was widely known as editor and publisher of the Hearne Democrat over a period of 24 years. He was a member of the National Editorial Association and attended press meetings and conferences held in the state.

As a highly esteemed citizen of Hearne, Judge Lane was active in civic, social, and religious affairs and in each connection is known to have always given his best efforts and much of his time.

He was a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club and served as President of this organization; a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a life-long member of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lane passed away in 1935. Judge and Mrs. Lane had a daughter, Marguerite Lane Gatling, and two granddaughters; Jean Gatling who was married to Fred Phillips; and Molly Ann Gatling.

Judge Lane was a man of scholarly attainments and of kindly impulses. He had the happy faculty of winning friends among the old and young and was democratic enough to recognize the good in all.

In his long life he gave freely of his time to serve his fellowman and will always be remembered for his kindly and unselfish deeds. He had the respect and love of all that knew him.

High marks were attained by Judge Lane in two professions . . . Law and Journalism.

His favorite parting expression was, "Goodbye friend, and Good Luck."

Known throughout Texas as the "Tall Sycamore of the Brazos" because of his six feet and seven inches of height, Judge Lane's services as a public speaker were in great demand. Throughout his lifetime, Judge Lane impressed his fellow-editors so much that he was the landmark which distinguished the town of Hearne, and when you mentioned Hearne someone was sure to remark, "Oh, yes, that's where Judge Lane lives."

Many hundreds of times during his life he cheered the poor, humble people with a fatherly pat on the back and a word of encouragement and timely advice for which he charged no fee. Judge John Felton Lane died June 22, 1942.

ALEX SILVERMAN was born in Grodno, State of Grodno,

Russia, February 12 ,1872, the son of a poor Russian Jewish father and mother who suffered many hardships during his boyhood and young manhood. About the only time that he had enough food was while he served on KP duty in the Russian Army during the years of 1893 to 1897. Military service in that country was compulsory for all males with the exception of the oldest male in each family who was exempt from military service and allowed to go to school. Mr. Silverman did not have an opportunity to go to school. Mr. Silverman often told the story of his young life and the hardships suffered in the 'old' country stating that he had practically no clothes and owned his first pair of shoes and pants when he was 13 years old.

In 1898, after finishing his military service, he came to the United States and landed at New York. Here he found employment at a meat packing plant.

Mr. Silverman's brother, Abe Silverman, had come to the United States a few years before his arrival and had established himself as an itinerant merchant in the Franklin area as many Jewish people of that day had done.

In 1901, Mr. Silverman was married to Miss Janie Taub of New York, Mrs. Silverman having also come to the United States in her early girlhood. In 1908 the family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Silverman and their children Jackie Silverman and Rebecca Silverman who were born in New York, came to Franklin, Texas to make their home where Mr. Silverman was associated with his brother Abe Silverman. Their third child, Willie Silverman was born in Franklin.

In 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Silverman moved to Hearne where Mr. Silverman established a confectionery business on Magnolia Street and he continued to operate this business until his retirement in 1932.

During his business career and residence in Hearne, Mr. Silverman built up an excellent business and won the respect and admiration of all that knew him. His youngest son, Morris Silverman, was born in Hearne.

Mrs. Silverman, who was born in Austria, January 12, 1880, passed away in New York, April 30, 1942. Mr. Silverman died March 9, 1933.

WAIT STEPHEN HOYT was born in Mississippi, January 31, 1873. He came to Hearne to make his home when he was in his early twenties and was a resident of Hearne for over 60 years.

In 1892 he was married to Miss Melissia McWilliams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McWilliams of Shelby County, Texas. Mr. McWilliams was a farmer and a preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt reared their six children in Hearne while Mr. Hoyt was employed with railroad work. He worked for the old Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad Company and also worked for the the H. & T. C. Railroad Company for a short time. However, the

majority of his working life was spent with the I. & G. N. Railroad, he being retired from this company September 12, 1940 after more than 22 years of service.

He was active as a carpenter and built many homes in Hearne. Mr. Hoyt was a long-time member of the Black Jack Baptist Church.

The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are: Wait S. Hoyt Jr., a former Mayor of Hearne; Mack W. Hoyt, John Fletcher Hoyt, Willeene Hoyt Willis, Vivian Hoyt Gumm, and Ruth Hoyt Pringle.

Wait Stephen Hoyt died February 7, 1955 and Mrs. Hoyt died December 22, 1949.

ROBERT EMMETT ROHDE was born at Columbus, Texas, March 13, 1873, the son of Henry Rohde and Lee Carter Rohde. His father came to the United States from Germany.

The Rohde family moved from Columbus to Bryan, Texas. Robert Emmett Rohde and Vida Reynolds were married at Elliott, Texas, September 12, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Rohde moved to Hearne that same year and made their home on Second Street. Mr. Rohde was the proprietor of Rohde's Saloon which was located on Fourth Street.

In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Rohde moved to Bryan and in 1909 they moved back to Hearne where Mr. Rohde engaged in the furniture business and also sold funeral supplies. He also was in the farming and ranching business. He discontinued his furniture business in the early 1920's but continued to operate his cattle business.

Mrs. Rohde was born at Englewood, Texas, a small community just east of Franklin on May 18, 1877, the daughter of Ely Reynolds and Jane Blatherwick Reynolds, pioneer citizens of that section of the county.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rohde: Robert E. Rohde Jr., Ronald Rohde, Henry Rohde, and Clyde "Baby" Rohde. Grandchildren are: Wanda Rohde Burdick, Henry Rohde Jr., Dolores Rohde, and Gwendolyn Rohde.

WARREN AUBREY KILKERSON, was born in Hearne, Texas, May 15, 1873, the son of Jonathan Gideon Wilkerson and Sarah Wadsworth Wilkerson.

He received his primary and early education in the small private school of Miss Laura G. Penuel, and only three months in the struggling and unsatisfactory public school system.

As a lad he was employed in the Joe Montgomery Gin and Grist Mill on off school days at a wage of 25c per day and a peck of meal.

At the age of 14 he enrolled in the preparatory department of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, working up to the senior department of the university at the age of 18 years. He was forced to forego further education by the needs of an ill and dependent family.

From 1891 to 1895 he worked as a bookkeeper for the firm of R. A.

Allen & Son, this firm later being operated under the name of Allen Hardware Company. In 1895 he formed and became manager of the Brazos Valley Lumber Company, located on the corner of Market & Fourth Streets. In 1899 this firm was consolidated with the Junction City Lumber Company. Mr. Wilkerson retired from this organization and with his brother, Albert Wadsworth Wilkerson, purchased the Adams Hardware & Implement Company, changing the name of this firm to Wilkerson Brothers.

In September 1898, Mr. Wilkerson was married to Miss Clemmie Drake in Mexico City, and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson: William Wadsworth Wilkerson and Sarah Frances Wilkerson.

In 1904 Wilkerson Brothers took over the Junction City Lumber Company and operated jointly the hardware and lumber interests under the name of Wilkerson Brothers. In 1923 they sold their lumber interest to Farrar Lumber Company.

During the active years of Mr. Wilkerson's life, he found time for much civic and public welfare work in Hearne. He served as a member of the Hearne School Board for several years and as a member of the Hearne City Council intemittently from 1901 through 1920.

Under a special road law enacted for Robertson County in 1912 and with two large bond issues in 1912 and 1920, Mr. Wilkerson was the managing member of the road board in planning and construction. The locations of the present road system were laid out during the period of his service to this board.

He was Worshipful Master of the Hearne Masonic Lodge for a number of years and was awarded the 50 year pin by the Grand Lodge of Texas. He had a life membership in the local Masonic Lodge.

A 20 year pin attested Mr. Wilkerson's long membership in the Hearne Rotary Club of which he was one of the organizers and the club's first president. He also helped to organize the Hearne Chamber of Commerce in 1914.

As Robertson County Chairman for the American Red Cross, Mr. Wilkerson carried the organization through much of the first Wold War, through two Brazos River floods, and was a hold-over chairman of this organization for several years.

Active management of the City of Hearne and its municipal utilities was one of his greatest contributions to his native town. From 1924 to 1939 he served as City Secretary, and from 1939 to April 9, 1943 he served as City Manager. Through his management of the city's affairs Hearne met the many problems of a growing town including the change over from an obsolete steam power plant to a modern plant with diesel equipment, and the developing of an adequate public water supply. In the last two years of his services to the city, the Municipal Park was planned and constructed.

On April 9, 1943, Mr. Wilkerson retired from the office of City Manager, and to put into his own words, "Sat on his porch near the side of the road and watched the world go by."

Warren Aubrey Wilkerson died February 20, 1955, and his wife who was born April 18, 1875 died October 27, 1954.

W. HARRY BIVIN, son of William Worth Bivin and Elizabeth Peel Bivin, was born January 12, 1874, at Hearne Texas.

He began his work with the railroad as a mere lad, continuing with the same company, the Houston & Texas Central Railroad which later became the Southern Pacific Railroad, over a period of 52 years, said to have been the longest record of continuous service known to the company.

In his railroad career he never left the Hearne yards in his operation of locomotives. He held the throttle of all types of yard engines ranging from the locomotive 30 tonners of the early days to the giant locomotive of the 1940's.

Wood, coal, lignite and oil had been the fuels used in engines up to the time of his retirement in 1941. No accident more serious than a derailment occurred during his long years of service at the throttle.

He was married in August of 1909 to Miss Annie Cook, daughter of Professor Jacob E. Cook and Augusta Cook. Mr. Bivin brought his bride to Hearne that same year. Mr. and Mrs. Bivin had one child, a daughter, Dorothy Bivin Murchison. Mr. Bivin was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He died July 24, 1946 and Mrs. Bivin died in 1936.

JOHN W. GREEN was born at DuBach, Louisiana, February 2, 1875, the son of John Bradley Green and Elizabeth Wright Green.

With his parents and members of his family he moved to Elliott in Robertson County, Texas when he was a small child and was reared to young manhood in that community before he moved to Hearne to accept employment.

He was married to Miss Maud Owens of Calvert, Texas. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Green: Hixie Elizabeth Green Biggerstaff, Frances Louvenia Green McCown, and Dr. John W. Green Jr.

He was employed in railroad work for a period of 47 years, being freight agent for the H. & T. C. Railroad and prior to this employment he was with the old Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad Company, this railroad later being purchased by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Mr. Green was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and served that congregation as Church Treasurer several years, was a member of the Board of Deacons, and served as Choir Director.

For 18 years he was a part owner of the Hamilton Dry Goods

Company, a firm that he helped to establish; J. T. Hamilton and T. A. Cullum being the other partners in the firm.

In his early manhood he became affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and was a highly respected member of that body. He was also a member of the Hearne Rotary Club and the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

John W. Green died August 15, 1942 after serving many years as a useful and respected citizen of Hearne. Mrs. Green died September 15, 1914.

JUDGE JOHN E. MOONEY was born on a farm between Wheelock and Franklin in Robertson County, Texas, August 29, 1875, the son of Thomas Mooney and Mary Threadgill Mooney. His father was a native Texan but his mother was born in Alabama.

During his boyhood and young manhood he lived on his father's farm and assisted with the farm work. He attended a country school in that area.

On February 7, 1904, he was married to Miss Clara Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wallace, the marriage taking place at the Henry Prairie Baptist Church. Mr. Mooney was born at Alexander Community in Brazos County, Texas.

In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Mooney moved to Wheelock where he entered the mercantile business, opening a grocery and dry goods store.

In April 1916, Judge and Mrs. Mooney moved to Hearne where he entered the grocery and dry goods business, his store being located on the corner of Third and Magnolia Streets where the Post Office Building now stands. He operated his business at this location for several years and then moved to another location on Magnolia Street. In 1926 he retired from the grocery business and opened a blacksmith shop on the corner of Cedar and Third Streets.

In 1928 he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct Number Two of Robertson County. He continued to operate his blacksmith shop and carry on the duties of Justice of the Peace at the same location. Judge Mooney is one of Hearne's most colorful characters and since his election in 1928 he has meted out "Justice before the Anvil" as well as performed many wedding ceremonies before the "Anvil." He is very friendly and has a host of friends in all walks of life.

Judge and Mrs. Mooney have seven children: Brady Mooney, Lola Mooney Whitacre, John B. Mooney, Esther Mooney Lloyd, Leta Mooney Bush, Tommy Mooney, and Mary Lee Mooney Myers.

HOSEA ALBERT ELY, was born October 11, 1875, the son of Lafayette Ely and Susan Frances Fowler Ely, pioneer citizens of Milam County.

He lived and worked on the family farm during his boyhood. On May 20, 1896 he was married to Miss Emma Lucille Tabor at

the Methodist Church in Chriesman, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Ely had two daughters: Pansy, who died at the age of 19 months, and Lafayette Lucille Ely who was married to J. Bryan Peel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely came to Hearne in 1901 where Mr. Ely was associated with his brother William Henry Ely for 56 years in the cattle and farming business, and this firm accumulated large cattle and land interests. The Ely brothers name was prominent in the cattle and farming business in this area of the state.

Mrs. Ely was a charter member of the Hearne Garden Club, a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club, a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (San Jacinto Chapter of Houston), a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (Jefferson Davis Chapter of Houston), and many other civic and religious organizations. Mrs. Ely's grandfather was a minister in Texas when Texas was a part of Mexico and she later owned a farm that was deeded to her grandfather by the Mexican Government.

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Ely are Hosea Bryan Peel and Emma Jane Peel Thomason, wife of Dr. Maurice Thomason. Hosea Bryan Peel married Jean Haynie.

Hosea Albert Ely died April 5, 1944 and Mrs. Ely died October 31, 1952.

ANNIE LAURIE KIRKSEY BISHOP was born in Talladega, Alabama, January 11, 1876, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Kirksey.

Her family moved to Dawson, Texas when she was a small girl and lived in that city during her girlhood. The family then moved to Hearne shortly before the turn of the century in 1898 and it was here that Annie Laurie Kirksey met William Charles Bishop.

On February 11, 1901, Annie Laurie Kirksey and William Charles Bishop were married at Corsicana, Texas and made their home in Hearne. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop had two children: John Kathryn Bishop and Thomas W. Bishop.

With the exception of the period between 1909 and 1917 when the family moved to Palestine, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop resided in Hearne during the remaining years of their lives.

Annie Laurie Bishop was a long time resident of Hearne and for many years was a familiar figure in the business and social life of Hearne. As a member of the staff of the Hearne Democrat for 23 years and as a correspondent for several of the state's daily newspapers, she was widely known as a newspaper woman of unusual ability. She was a resident of Hearne for more than 50 years and she had a large number of friends in church circles and women's clubs in Hearne. She was actively engaged as associate editor of the Hearne Democrat until January 1, 1948, at which time she retired due to fail-

ing health. After her retirement she retained her interest in newspaper work and continued to serve as correspondent for some of the state daily newspapers. Her church membership was with the Methodist Church. During World War I, she taught a kindergarten school in Hearne. Annie Laurie Bishop died August 8, 1950.

WILLIAM CHARLES BISHOP was born February 2, 1872 at old Boonville, a few miles from where the present city of Bryan, Texas is now located. He was the son of Peter Bishop of Kentucky and Catherine Golden Bishop, a native of Louisiana.

He came to Hearne as a mere youth, and his fine intellect and excellent clerical ability aided him in securing employment with business concerns as bookkeeper and clerk, prior to his entering railroad clerical employment in his early manhood.

William Charles Bishop was married to Miss Annie Laurie Kirksey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Kirksey, February 11, 1901. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, a daughter, John Katheryn Bishop and a son, Thomas W. Bishop.

Six years of his married life was spent in Palestine, Texas in the employment of the I. & G. N. Railroad Company, in clerical lines. He returned to Hearne to accept employment with the H. & T. C. Railroad and this employment continued for the remainder of his life.

In addition to his railroad work, he found time for various other activities, having served two years as editor of *The Hearne Democrat*, during the time this paper was owned by his brother, Judge John E. Bishop of Hearne; served two terms as Justice of the Peace of the Hearne precinct; served as a member of the Hearne School Board and as Secretary of the Board; served the local K. P. Lodge as Chancellor Commander and as Keeper of Records and Seals. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Bishop was one of the most scholarly and widely read men who ever lived in Hearne, his reading covering a wide range, extending from classical literature and ancient history, down to all of the latest topics engaging the public mind.

During his editorship of *The Hearne Democrat*, his vigorous editorial policy and discussion of public questions, and his activity in combating local evils and corrupt local and county politics which were in vogue in that day, made his paper widely read and discussed throughout the county. His paper wielded a wide influence for good government and for civic betterment. He was a quiet and modest man, and in his passing November 6, 1934, Hearne lost one of its noblest and best citizens.

J. W. "WILL" HORLOCK was born at Navasota, Texas, September 9, 1877, the son of William F. Horlock and Alice McGlamery Horlock.

He spent his early youth attending the public schools of Navasota and was employed during his young manhood in the manage-

ment duties of operating his uncle's large farm interests in the Navasota area. His uncle was R. A. Horlock.

In the spring of 1898, he mustered in the Fourth Texas Volunteers Company B for service in the Spanish-American War and completed his military service and was discharged in San Antonio, Texas in the summer of 1899.

On March 2, 1905, he was married to Miss Annie Bookman who passed away March 26, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Horlock moved to Hearne to make their home in 1906. At this time Mr. Horlock represented the Samuels & Co. cotton firm of Houston as a cotton buyer. After two years of service with this firm, he resigned his position and opened his own cotton buying business. In 1925 he bought the Scott Grain Company from A. W. Scott and combined this business with his cotton buying operations. From 1936 through 1938 he set a record in insecticide sales in this area, selling over three million pounds of insecticides to the farmers of the Hearne area.

In 1945 he retired from active business and took more time for his two hobbies, hunting and fishing.

On February 15, 1948 he was married to Mrs. Inez Shelman. He has served for over ten years as Senior Warden of St. Philips Episcopal Church, President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce 1919-20 (being instrumental in getting State Highway No. 79 designated in order that the bridge over the Brazos River at Valley Junction could be constructed), served ten years on the Hearne City Council and also served as Mayor Protem, Chairman of the Office of Price Administration during World War II, a stockholder and a director of the First National Bank of Hearne for many years, and served on the Board of Directors of the Hearne Building & Loan Association.

JOHN TEELING was born at Hearne, Texas, October 6, 1877 and was the son of John Teeling and Mary Teeling. He attended schools in Hearne and Temple, Texas.

On November 15, 1908 he was married to Miss Sadie McGrew. For several years he operated a grocery store at the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets in Hearne and later took over the management of the Exchange Hotel on San Gabriel Street. This hotel had been operated for many years by his parents. He was widely known in this section of the state and made many friends of the traveling public in his days of operating the hotel. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Teeling was born in Hearne, November 27, 1877 and made her home in Hearne throughout her life. His mother was born in Poland and came to the United States in 1869 and settled in Hearne in 1872. She was married to John Teeling Sr. in 1874. After his death, she became the wife of Owen Nestor in 1888. After the death of Owen Nestor she became the wife of E. B. Harris in 1915.

John Teeling Jr. died June 29, 1949 and his wife Sadie McGrew Teeling died December 9, 1951.

ALBERT W. McNEEL was born at Elliott, Texas, October 8, 1877, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tynus W. McNeel. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and most of his life was spent in Robertson County.

He was associated with the Rural Electrification Administration in the signing of right-of-way over Robertson and adjoining counties and was also the reporter for cotton production and other government jobs.

Following are the children of Albert W. McNeel: Alice Frances McNeel Goodwin, Mavis McNeel Jennings, and Lorraine McNeel Jackson.

Albert W. McNeel died September 14, 1957.

DUNCAN B. "DUNC" CARRINGTON was born at Hempstead, Texas and was married to Miss Eddie Mae Springfield, October 19, 1904 in Franklin, Texas. Mrs. Carrington was born January 13, 1884 in Franklin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas P. Springfield. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carrington, a daughter, Mildred Carrington Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrington lived in Hempstead for a short time where Mr. Carrington operated a newspaper business. In 1911 they moved to Hearne where Mr. Carrington became associated with The Hearne Democrat, a position he held for 41 years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carrington were members of the First Baptist Church where they were both active. Mrs. Carrington was a charter member of the Hearne Garden Club and held honorary membership in this club at the of her death.

Grandchildren of Duncan B. Carrington and Eddie Springfield Carrington are Barbara Booth and Robert A. Booth Jr.

Duncan B. Carrington passed away in 1952 and Eddie Springfield Carrington died in 1957.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD ALLEN was born at Austin, Texas, in 1878, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford Allen.

He was reared in Hearne in the home of his uncle, Robert Aaron Allen and was employed during young manhood in the R. A. Allen & Son Hardware Store, one of Hearne's oldest and most substantial business institutions.

When the Planters and Merchants State Bank was organized in Hearne, W. C. Allen and W. C. Allen II were among the original stockholders, and W. C. Allen II was employed by the bank as assistant cashier for two years.

Later he became associated with his father in the dry goods business, this firm being located on the corner of Fourth and Magnolia

Streets in Hearne. W. C. Allen II continued to operate this business in the name of W. C. Allen & Company until the middle 1930's.

He was married to Miss Mary Boyd, sister of Alfred B. Boyd, a pioneer druggist of Hearne. Four children, Ann Boyd Allen and Mary Will Allen, who died at an early age, and Mae Bell Allen Redden, and William Crawford Allen III were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

On May 5, 1935, Mr. Allen's appointment as Hearne Postmaster became effective. He continued in this position up to the time of his death in 1945.

Throughout many years in the business life of Hearne, William Crawford Allen was a valued citizen, taking part in all civic and public activities of the city.

JOHN T. WELCH was born at Hearne, Texas, October 5, 1877, the son of William W. Welch and Eliza Rhea Welch.

He attended schools in Hearne taught by Miss Penuel and Mrs. Fannie Reese Pugh, later attending the public high school. The first school that he attended was located in the block back of Grace Methodist Church and in the same block of his home on First Street.

Mr. Welch demonstrated his business ability in early boyhood by operating a laundry agency and selling newspapers. His early employment in young manhood was with the oil mill and the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. In 1898 he went to work for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company, this company later being taken over by the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

On March 20, 1898, he was married to Miss Josie Smith, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Smith, who had moved to Hearne from Mexia, Texas with the other members of her family in 1895. (On April 3, 1895, Mrs. Welch and her sister, Miss Pearl Smith, organized the Misses Smith Store, a ladies ready-to-wear and millinery store in Hearne, Mrs. Welch being active in this business until February 1926 when she retired on account of her health. This firm is still in operation in 1958 and is the oldest continuously operated retail store in Hearne).

Mr. Welch retired from his duties as Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company in 1938 on account of ill-health after 40 years of faithful and efficient service to this company. Letters of commendation were received by Mr. Welch from officials of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company upon his retirement.

During his more active years, Mr. Welch took a great interest in Boy Scout work and served as chairman of the Finance Committee of this organization. He was the recipient of official recognition of his untiring efforts in the work with Boy Scouts of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch are both members of long standing of Grace Methodist Church. Throughout their many years as citizens of Hearne, they have been actively interested in the civic, religious, and social life of Hearne.

Now that they have passed the golden milestone, this interest remains as keen as when it was first incited in their younger days of citizenship. They are one of Hearne's most beloved couples, and are affectionately referred to as "Uncle John" and "Aunt Josie" by their host of friends.

OSCAR ROBINSON was born September 22, 1879 at Austin, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Robinson.

In May 1913, he moved to Hearne and was connected with the Travis Oil Mill Company.

He was married to Miss Floy Beckham, daughter of Beverley W. Beckham and Sidney Carr Beckham, pioneer citizens of Hearne, July 22, 1907 and two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: Carr Robinson and Floy Robinson Green.

Mr. Robinson entered the cotton oil business in 1913 and built to ownership of four mills in the 1920's. He moved to Austin in August 1921 to make his home and continue his oil mill business.

In 1930, Mr. Robinson and his associates sold their mills at Hearne, Taylor, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi, but Mr. Robinson remained in the field as vice president and general manager of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company.

He also developed farming and other business interests and operated a ranch in the Hill Country near Johnson City, Texas.

Mr. Robinson came from a family interested in ranching and he always maintained his interest in this business. The best of the oil mill business for him was the selling of livestock feed because it kept him in working contact with Texas cattlemen. "It's the last phase of man-to-man dealing," Mr. Robinson said, "the last field of business in which a man's word is all that is needed. I've seen my father get 1300 head of cattle together, cut them and send them to a buyer in the Indian Territory — a man he's never seen and probably never would see. Two or three months later, the man's check would arrive in payment. That's all the paper work there was to it. Well, things are still pretty much that way among Texas cattlemen and I like it."

HARRY DAVID BEAUMONT was born at Cuero, Texas, March 4, 1880. His father was David Greenleaf Beaumont of Mississippi and his mother was Emily Lipscomb Beaumont. She was born in Alabama.

Mr. Beaumont attended private school in Cuero and later attended the public schools in that city. His father died in 1890 when Mr. Beaumont was a very young boy, so he had to go to work to help support the family. His early employment was in a bank in Cuero and he worked for ten dollars per month. This job lasted for three years and then he worked the next ten years in the office of the Cuero Oil Mill. He worked for two years for the Cuero Telephone Company, four years for the Buchel Light & Power Company of Cuero,

and in 1909 came to Hearne and worked for the Hearne Light & Power Company, a privately owned company, for two years and then returned to Cuero to work for the Western Electric Company installing equipment. He also worked for this same company at Mart, Texas. In 1912, he worked for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company in Hearne and in 1913 began working for the City of Hearne as Superintendent of Utilities. This employment lasted for 37 years, Mr. Beaumont retiring January 1, 1951.

Mr. Beaumont became a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge in 1910 and served for 22 years as secretary. During his time of membership in this organization, he has held every office in the local lodge. He was a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department from 1913 through 1942 and also served as Fire Marshal for the City of Hearne for 37 years.

He was married to Miss Bertha Gode at Beaumont, Texas, August 6, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont have two daughters; Marjorie Beaumont Quick and Louise Beaumont Richards.

Mrs. Beaumont attended Incarnate Word Academy in Houston and Texas State Women's College in Denton, Texas. She served as secretary to Judge J. Felton Lane, a Hearne attorney, for 20 years, and since 1939 has been Secretary of the Hearne Building and Loan Association.

DOCK ALEXANDER LUSK was born in the Henry Prairie Community in Robertson County, Texas in 1881, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Lusk, farmers in that area.

He spent his early boyhood days working on his father's farm and attended the country school there.

After leaving the family farm, he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and worked as a car repair man at Valley Junction.

On January 19, 1902, he was married to Miss Lillie Mae Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Nash of the Edge Community in Brazos County, Texas.

After completing his service with the railroad, he engaged in the cafe business until his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Lusk moved to Hearne in 1910 to make their home and both of them remained citizens of Hearne for the remainder of their lives. They were both lifetime members of the Baptist Church.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lusk are: Hubert A. Lusk, William Oscar Lusk, Ora Mae Lusk Metras, John Travis Lusk, Ethel Lusk Smith, Robert Wesley Lusk, and Myrtle Lusk Rott.

Mrs. Lusk, who was born April 25, 1880, passed away August 18, 1949 and Dock Alexander Lusk died in 1948.

MORRIS COHEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cohen, was born at Hearne, Texas February 25, 1881.

During his young boyhood he attended the Hearne Public Schools and worked in his father's grocery store. In 1898 he was graduated from Hearne High School in the first class to graduate from the public school system in Hearne.

When his father retired in 1905, Mr. Cohen, along with his brother Dave Cohen, took over the operation of the retail grocery business and continued to operate this business until March 1, 1927.

Since retiring from the grocery business, Mr. Cohen has been active in the real estate business and rental business.

In 1930 he was connected actively with the Citizens Ice Company of Hearne as manager and stockholder. In the late 1930's, he sold his interest in this business and continued to operate his real estate and rental business.

Mr. Cohen is affiliated with the Jewish Temple in Bryan.

He is a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club and has served as president of this organization. He was honored by the citizens of Hearne in being elected to serve two terms on the Hearne School Board. He is also a member and former director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

Active in the organization of the First State Bank of Hearne, Mr. Cohen served as vice president of this new banking firm.

JOHN THOMAS WALSTON was born April 24, 1880 at Branchville in Milam County, Texas. His parents were John Thomas Walston Sr. and Mary Harris McDonald Walston. His father was a native of North Carolina and his mother was a native of Alabama.

During his early childhood, John Thomas Walston lived on a farm near Branchville and later moved to Cameron, Texas with his parents in order that he might have school advantages. His parents later bought a plantation near "Sugar Loaf" Mountain in Milam County and Mr. Walston was assigned some acreage for his own farming interests and he supervised the farming of the remaining acreage for his father.

On December 28, 1902 he was married to Miss Carrie Eugenia Lastor of Calvert, Texas. During their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Walston lived in Cameron for one year, Calvert for 12 years, and Hearne for 37 years. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walston: a daughter, Mabel Walston who was married to Julius Plagens, and a son, Seth Tommie Walston who married Miss Elizabeth Henderson of Calvert, Texas.

Mr. Walston was engaged in farming during the year of 1903-04 and in 1904 he moved to Calvert where he was employed as manager of the Calvert Ice & Utilities Company. In 1912 he went into business for himself in Calvert and operated this business until 1915 when he opened a merchandise business in Hearne. From 1919 through 1921 he was employed as manager of the Moreland Plantation in the

Brazos Bottom near Hearne and from 1921 through 1923 he was manager of the Woods Glass Farm also in the Brazos Bottom.

From 1924 until the time of his death, Mr. Walston was in the retail grocery business in Hearne with his son, Seth Tommie Walston, as co-owner. This father and son combination also operated farm and ranch interests in Robertson County.

Mr. Walston was a resident of Hearne for 37 years, and during this time he served the public in the office of City Alderman for several terms and was chairman of the Street & Bridge Committee.

He was one of Hearne's oldest business men at the time of his passing and was the type of citizen that had befriended many. He was a staunch Democrat and kept himself well informed on political and economic affairs. He was a rabid sports fan and he enjoyed football and baseball, having traveled many a mile following the home teams.

John Thomas Walston died April 5, 1952.

PHIL E. TEELING was born at Hearne, Texas, December 3, 1880. His parents were John and Mary Teeling, pioneer residents of Hearne who were married in 1874. Mrs. Teeling was a native of Poland and came to the United States in 1869 and to Hearne in 1872.

Phil E. Teeling received his education in the public schools of Hearne. After finishing his schooling he engaged in railroading in train service, and when he left this work he was one of the most widely known railroad employees in the state, universally loved by his fellow workmen and held the respect and esteem of the officials of the railroad he served.

He preferred a business career, and decided to open a tailoring and gent's furnishing business. Starting with borrowed capital secured for him by loyal friends, he built up one of the most successful, widely advertised, and popular businesses in Central Texas. If there were those in other towns who did not know of Hearne's businessmen and institutions, it was rare to find one who had not heard of Phil Teeling, "The Honest Tailor" and wholesale houses all over the United States knew of his business and of his unique trade name.

If a stranger came to town, knowing no one, it was but a short time until Phil, as his friends knew him, had formed the acquaintance of the stranger and when he went away, it was with a fine conception of the "splendid town," its "hospitable people," its "present greatness" and "future prospects," and especially of his new found friend.

Hearne has had many distinguished professional men, eminently successful business men, educators of state wide reputation, financiers, known in the financial circles of this and other states, but none of them were more widely known than Phil Teeling. "The Honest Tailor."

If the Hearne Band went anywhere, Phil was there in style and state to help boost his town. If the baseball team played a game in

the neighboring towns the party was not complete if it was not headed by Phil. With show people over the state, in all the different lines of amusement enterprises, he was a boon-companion, and knew more "player folk" than many who had spent a life in the business.

Failing health cut short his business career almost at its inception, but he was on his way to becoming one of the large business men of the state. He had made enough money, had it been hoarded instead of distributed to those in need, to have constituted a small fortune. He was a "friend-indeed" to many of the "down-and-outs" whose unworthiness of help never caused Phil to close his palm.

He was reared in the Catholic faith, but was a loyal friend of all churches and he was always ready to help in any religious movement for the betterment of his town.

Mr. and Mrs. Teeling had two children: a daughter, Elizabeth Teeling who married Dr. A. S. Lang of Baylor University in Waco, and a son, Phil E. Teeling Jr., a prominent Waco attorney.

He was a member of the Bryan Lodges of Elks and Moose, of the Hearne Lodges of the Woodmen of the World, and Yoemen, and of the Ennis Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

With the passing of Phil E. Teeling, "The Honest Tailor," November 26, 1914, Hearne lost one of the most unique and original characters and one of the most beloved young men who ever lived in Hearne.

MIKE MURPHY, the son of John Wesley Murphy and Virginia Matlock Murphy, was born at Russellville, Alabama, March 27, 1882.

He was reared on his parent's farm in Russellville where cotton was the main crop. He attended the country school in that area, and came to Texas in 1895 and farmed near Cameron in Milam County.

In 1904 he was married to Miss Alice Virginia Meadows at Milano, Texas. From 1910 to 1914 he worked for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company and lived at Marquez, Texas and moved to Hearne in 1912 and continued his employment with the I. & G. N. Railroad.

In 1914 he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad as a section hand and worked up to section foreman and finally was promoted to Roadmaster, retiring from active duty in 1946.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were: Edna Murphy, Edith Murphy, Nannie Murphy, John W. Murphy, George Murphy, Lena Murphy, Herman Murphy, Lonnie Murphy, Flonnie Murphy, and Mike Murphy Jr.

Mr. Murphy's first wife died in June 1934 and in February 1946 he was married to Mrs. Nora Swizel Daniels.

Mike Murphy was in charge of railroad maintenance work and spent 27 years working in the Hearne Yards of the Southern Pacific and H. & T. C. Railroad. He is typical of the many employees of Irish descent that have put in many years of service with our railroads.

At the time of his retirement in 1946, he had nearly 47 years of railroad service to his credit.

EUGENE P. "HOG" EVANS was born in Columbia, Tennessee July 17, 1882, the son of John R. Evans and Judith Brown Evans.

He came to Texas with his parents when he was a small boy and was a resident of Hearne and vicinity for more than 50 years.

Mr. Evans was married to Miss Jessie Mathews on October 16, 1907. Mrs. Evans was born September 11, 1882. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans: Eugene P. Evans Jr., Agnes Evans, and Robert E. Evans.

A lover of outdoor life and sports, Mr. Evans chose farming as his first work when he grew to manhood. He was a plantation manager in the Brazos Bottom in the days of big crops and good prices for cotton and other farm products and also farmed on his own at different times.

For twelve years he served on the police force of the City of Hearne, retiring from this work in 1937. "Hog" Evans was loved by the young and old alike and took a great interest in hunting, fishing, and following local athletic teams. During his younger days, he was quite a semi-pro baseball player and his interest in the sport was never lost. His son E. P. Evans Jr. is division superintendent for the Southern Pacific Railroad and his other son, Robert E. Evans, was an outstanding baseball player for the University of Texas and later was a football coach at the University of Houston.

Eugene P. "Hog" Evans died January 11, 1942 and Mrs. Evans died May 15, 1951.

JAY GOULD ELY, son of LaFayette Ely and Susan Frances Fowler Ely, was born at Gause, Texas, May 14, 1883.

During his early childhood he attended school at Gause and worked on the family farm and ranch in Milam County.

On November 8, 1903, he was married to Miss Mary Lillie Purvis, daughter of Gavin Purvis and Mary Amanda McCain Purvis. Mr. Purvis was born in Scotland and was graduated from the University of Glasgow and Edinburg. He was a school teacher and the Purvis family lived at Burton in Washington County, Texas where Mrs. Ely was born November 15, 1885.

In 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Ely moved to Hearne. During their early residence in Hearne, Mr. Ely was associated with his two brothers, William Henry Ely and Hosea Albert Ely, in ranching, farming, and meat market business. Jay Gould Ely also owns ranching and farming interest of his own and has been associated in this type of business during his entire lifetime.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ely have been associated with the business and social life of Hearne during their entire residence and both are

long-time members of the Baptist Church, being very active in this religious organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely have three sons: Hudson Purvis Ely, Hosea Will Ely, James Carroll Ely; and one daughter: Mary Frances Ely Howard.

FRED L. WOOD was born at Anderson in Grimes County, Texas, April 11, 1884, the son of Charles Glover Wood and Aurie Adkins Wood.

He was reared on a cotton plantation and while he was still a young boy he moved to the Brazos Bottom near Hearne with his parents, attending school at Mumford, Hearne, and Llano. In his later boyhood, he attended Texas Military Institute at San Antonio, Texas and Fort Worth University.

Mr. Wood was a cotton planter, his career in this business having its beginning in the Hearne Brazos Bottom in 1896. He also had a business connection in Hearne in the firm of Wood & Hervey, and later had farm interests in partnership in the firm of Wood & Adkisson.

On October 15, 1908, he was married to Miss Mary Dell Baldridge of Ennis, Texas. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wood: Locke Aurilia Wood Moss and Mary Dell Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have a grandson; John Frederick Moss.

Mr. Wood was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, and was active in the Brazos-Robertson Soil Conservation District.

He served for 15 years on the School Board of the Hearne Independent School District and worked hard and diligently to secure the present football stadium of Hearne High School which was named Wood Field in his honor. He also served as Tax Assessor-Collector for Robertson County.

The career of Fred Wood is typical of the many men of this area that have been in the cotton planting and ranching business.

One of the most interesting and important events that Mr. Wood witnessed during his lifetime in Hearne was the completion of the Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad that ran from Hearne to Stone City in the Brazos Bottom. This railroad was most important to the plantations as road conditions in the early days made the moving of cotton crops from the fields to a shipping point very difficult. He saw the Brazos River during flood stage when the entire Brazos Bottom farming area was completely flooded causing great damage and financial loss to the planters and land owners. However, he lived to see great flood control dams constructed along this river that have prevented this costly loss to the cotton farmers of the Brazos Bottoms.

Fred L. Wood died June 24, 1958.

JOHN CHARLES NEW was born in Hearne, Texas in 1884 and was the son of J. G. New and Rosine New.

He attended school in Hearne and when he was quite a young man he became associated in business with his uncle, Charles Later, and continued this business connection throughout his lifetime.

In January 1908, Mr. New was married to Miss Martha Cobb, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Albert G. Cobb of Hearne.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. New: a daughter, Margaret New Boelsche, and a son, Charles Later New; one grandchild, Charlene New, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Later New.

Mr. New was in the farming and ranching business in and around Hearne for many years. Both he and Mrs. New were members of pioneer families of Hearne.

John Charles New died December 15, 1931.

VIOLA J. COBB retired from active duty with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in 1937 and one of Hearne's most faithful and competent public servants was removed from the ranks. Always courteous, considerate and thoughtful of the clientele of the telephone industry, Miss Cobb was known throughout the years to those who became familiar with her quiet and gentle voice.

Although Miss Cobb's retirement was voluntary on her part, the officials of the telephone company stated that it became effective while she was still eligible for a place of responsibility in the Southwestern Bell system. Her employers acceded graciously to her request that she be placed on the retired list, feeling that her years of usefulness justified the change to an emeritus relationship.

Among the treasures of this long-time employee was a handsomely framed certificate which read as follows: "This certificate is presented by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to Viola J. Cobb in recognition of a career of devoted service to the ideals and traditions of the telephone industry." This certificate was signed by the president of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

It was in 1906 that Miss Cobb first became identified with the local telephone office, then under the ownership and management of J. B. Covington as the Hearne Telephone Company. In 1909 this private ownership was changed, T. O. McGuire taking over the system. The company office at that time was located on the north corner of Magnolia and Third Streets. There were only two operators at the old Kellog switchboard. Telephones were considered in the luxury class in those days, but "hello" girls were kept busy, "Miss Vi," as she was known to her associates, working mostly with long distance calls.

In 1911, Mr. McGuire and associates disposed of the Hearne Telephone Company interests to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company which continued to maintain offices at the same location on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets.

Throughout her many years of service with the telephone company, Miss Cobb watched with interest the steady growth of the telephone industry in Hearne.

MATTHEW VAUGHAN CARSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Carson, was born in Franklin, Texas in 1885. In 1905, when he was 20 years of age, he came to Hearne and was employed by the J. L. Hazlett Drug Store.

Mr. Carson was a registered druggist for 49 years and owned and operated drug stores in Hearne and Somerville, and later in Austin.

While living in Somerville he was a member of the School Board of that city for many years and was President of the board for seven years. He also served as a member of the State of Texas Centennial Commission in 1936.

During his many years as a businessman in Hearne, he was a member and very active in the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and an active supporter of the many civic undertakings. Mr. Carson always put the welfare of others above his own during his entire active career.

In 1908 he was married to Miss Mary Brady of Hearne, daughter of Peter Louis Brady and Jessie Mathews Brady prominent pioneer family of Hearne. Mr. and Mrs. Carson had two sons: Matthew Vaughan Carson Jr., and Lawrence Brady Carson. The Carson family's religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Catholic Church of Hearne.

Matthew Vaughan Carson was one of the many pioneer citizens of Hearne who contributed much to the growth and progress of the community. He died September 4, 1956.

BEVERLEY W. "BEV." BECKHAM was born in Hearne, February 15, 1885, the son of Beverley W. Beckham and Sidney Carr Beckham, and spent his entire life in Hearne and the Brazos Bottom. His parents were early planters in the Brazos Bottom.

He attended private school in Hearne and in his later boyhood attended school at Bingham College in North Carolina.

He was married to Miss Lilian Easterwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Easterwood. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beckham: Bevely W. "Beck" Beckham and Henry Lawrence Beckham.

Bev Beckham was one of Hearne's "old timer's" and operated large farming interests in the Brazos Bottom for many years. He was prominent in business circles in Hearne.

For a number of years he owned and operated an automobile agency in Hearne, later selling this business but continuing in this type of business with another firm up to the time of his death.

He became a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge upon reaching manhood and held several offices in this organization.

Bev Beckham was the quiet, unassuming type of person who

went about attending to his own affairs and accumulated a legion of friends in this area.

The passing of Bev Beckham, October 4, 1951, marked the end of a career long prominent in the great Brazos Valley, his family having been among the original planters and settlers that accumulated and put into cultivation large acreages of cotton.

Mrs. Beckham died in 1944.

PETER LOUIS BRADY JR. was born at Hearne, October 20, 1886, the son of Peter Louis Brady and Jessie Mathews Brady, his father being born in St. Louis, Missouri and his mother in Alabama.

"Uncle Pete," as he was affectionately known to one and all, attended school in the Hearne public schools, and during his boyhood and young manhood he worked with his father in the Brady Gin and helped with the work around the Brady farms. He was also employed at his father's light plant from 1902 until the plant was sold in 1906.

During 1906 he obtained a working interest in his father's gin in Hearne and this employment along with his farming interest was carried on until 1912.

On May 13, 1906 he was married to Miss Olive McWilliams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McWilliams of the Blackjack Community. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brady: Peter Louis Brady III, Robert McWilliams Brady, Patrick Brady, Eleanor Brady Reed, and Alice Brady Schwethelm.

He was in the grocery business from 1912 to 1919, this firm being located on the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets in Hearne, this firm being operated along with his farm interest.

During the year 1921-22 he moved to Rogers, Texas with his family and operated a gin and an ice plant in this town, returning to Hearne in 1922 and farmed in the Brazos Bottom from 1922 through 1934. It was also in 1922 that he leased the White Switch Gin in the Brazos Bottom and in 1928 he bought this gin and continued to operate it until 1938. During 1938 he leased the Brady Gin in Hearne and operated this business from 1938 to 1943.

"Uncle Pete" was honored by the citizens of Hearne in 1941 by being elected to serve on the City Council. During the time he was serving as a member of the City Council, he was elected by the people to the office of County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Robertson County, and upon the expiration of his term of office as city councilman took over the new duties as county commissioner January 1, 1943.

He was further honored by the citizens of Hearne when he was elected to the office of Mayor in 1953, becoming the third member of his family to be so honored; his father P. L. Brady Sr. and his

brother Alfred B. Brady having served as Mayor of the city prior to his election to this office.

"Uncle Pete" was a member of a pioneer family of Hearne, his parents and grand-parents having moved to Hearne in the early days when Hearne was just a "boom town" railroad station.

Peter Louis Brady Jr. died February 24, 1957.

CHILDRESS F. BANKS was born in Wayne County, Tennessee in 1854, and came to Hearne in 1893. He and his family settled on their farm located about five miles east of Hearne near the Blackjack Community. In the late years of his life he moved into Hearne where he spent his remaining years.

He acquired considerable farm land in Robertson County and for many years engaged in farming, cattle raising, and vegetable farming.

Childress F. Banks was married to Miss Melinda Fuller who was also born and reared in Wayne County, Tennessee. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Banks were: Jess C. Banks, W. Otis Banks, C. E. Banks, Clarence F. Banks, Ollie Banks Tullous, Ethel Banks Dotson, Maude Banks Harrigan, and Cornelia Banks Barlett.

Childress F. Banks died August 8, 1933 and is buried in the Bethany Cemetery.

De LAFAYETTE DOTSON, generally known to his friends as Jack Dotson, was born in Holmes County, Mississippi near the old town of Ebenezer, in 1852. He came to Texas in 1868 with his parents, Henry W. Dotson and Martha Dotson and settled in Washington County and remained there about a year.

On December 24, 1869 he moved with his family to Robertson County and located on a farm near Sutton just south of Hearne. Here his father died in October 1883. Mr. Dotson then moved to the Elliott Community in 1874 and settled on a farm that he purchased in that area. In 1925 he bought some land in the Rio Grande Valley near Donna, Texas and moved to that location, but retained ownership of his farm near Elliott.

Mr. Dotson was married twice; his first wife being a widow, Mrs. Williams, to whom he was married in 1874 and they had a son who died at the age of 5 years. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Dotson was married to Miss Kate McMordie of Calvert, Texas in 1877 and the following children were born to them: Cecil Dotson, Herbert Dotson, H. Maxie Dotson, Fred Dotson, Buford Dotson, and D. L. Dotson Jr.

De Lafayette Dotson died at Donna, Texas in 1926 and is buried in Franklin, Texas.

DAVID PIERCE KEELING, son of Leonard Worthy Keeling and Mary Davidson Keeling, was born at Camden, Arkansas, July

29, 1859. He spent his boyhood days in Camden and later moved with his family to Falls County, Texas in 1869; attending school in the Blue Ridge Community near Marlin, Texas.

He moved to Hearne in February 1909 and operated the Singer Sewing Machine Agency and was a sewing machine repair man. He was not active in civic matters but very interested. He was a good Christian man, a strong Democrat, and interested in political matters of state, city and county. Judge Walter Keeling of Austin was his nephew and he visited frequently in the Keeling home in Hearne. Judge Keeling enjoyed discussing affairs of state with Mr. Keeling.

David Pierce Keeling was a rugged individualist who wore a derby hat and drove a two horse hack with two sewing machines aboard as demonstrators. Later the Model T Ford replaced his horse-drawn hack. The nature of his business brought him into contact with many people; White, Mexican and Negro. Everyone knew him and respected him for his honest and efficient dealings with them. His first Hearne office was in the old Hearne Democrat building on the corner of Third and Magnolia Streets. During his last years of active business, he operated from his home on Fulton Street. He was well known for his Irish wit and he could do an Irish jig at the drop of a hat.

On December 16, 1884 he was married to Martha Jane Brooks and they had one child, Alpha Elizabeth Keeling who was born June 22, 1889. His first wife died and he married Frances Crutchfield, a widow who was born at Owensboro, Kentucky, May 13, 1865. This marriage took place October 22, 1893 at Franklin, Texas. His second wife had a son, Alfred Harvey Willis who was born October 13, 1892, by a previous marriage. The following children were born to David Pierce Keeling and Mary Frances Keeling: Mary Isa Keeling, Robert Leonard Keeling, Ruth Addie Keeling, Ruby Omega Keeling, Blanche Merzell Keeling, David Pierce Keeling Jr., Zenith Estelle Keeling, Mattie Pearl Keeling, and Fred Lawrence Keeling. Mr. Keeling passed away March 28, 1934 and Mrs. Keeling died October 12, 1945.

ISAAC DAVID HALL was born March 4, 1873 at Greshamville, Green County, Georgia, the son of James J. Hall and Sarah Pyron Hall.

He lived in the Georgia home, in which five other children were born, until he was 22 years of age. At the insistence of a friend, he came to Texas in 1895 settling in Hearne where he was employed by H. B. Easterwood, who at that time conducted one of the largest mercantile establishments in this section of the state.

In 1897 he went into business for himself opening Hall's Cafe and Saloon on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets.

On October 6, 1897 he was married to Miss Libbie Burney,

daughter of Patrick S. Burney and Sallie High Burney of Madison, Georgia.

Hearne honored Mr. Hall by electing him to serve as a member of the Hearne City Council and as a member of the Hearne School Board. He was very instrumental in the organizing of the McGuire School District east of Hearne.

A Baptist by faith, I. D. Hall was known as a man kindly disposed toward citizens of all walks of life. He was generous and charitable and his love for children was a beautiful element in his life. Mr. and Mrs. Hall had two children: Patrick Burney Hall and a daughter, Libbie Hall McCarver.

Isaac David Hall died June 24, 1934 and Mrs. Hall passed away January 31, 1941.

CHARLES E. BROWN was born in Hallettsville, Texas, July 17, 1877 and his family moved to Robertson County in 1880 when he was three years old. He attended school at Wheelock during his early boyhood.

When he was 13 years of age he went into the cattle business for himself and did a lot of riding and roping for George Dunn and Sam Cavitt, two prominent ranchers of the Wheelock community.

He helped build the first home on the old Cavitt Ranch in 1904. In 1915 he left the county for the next twenty years during which time he served on the police forces at Beaumont, Texas City and Port Arthur, Texas. He returned to his home near Hearne in 1934 where he re-entered the cattle and farming business.

In 1954, at the age of 77 he moved into Hearne to establish his home and on September 15, 1954 he took over the duties of Constable for Precinct No. 2.

Upon assuming the duties of Constable, on account of his pleasing and cordial disposition, he immediately was referred to by all as "Uncle Charley" Brown.

In talking about his many years of experience as a police officer, "Uncle Charley" said that he never killed a man, had never lost a prisoner, and had never gone after a man that he did not bring in.

On September 10, 1924, he was married to Miss Eva Chapman in Galveston, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are active workers in the Hearne Church of Christ. "Uncle Charley" has three children: Mrs. Beuna Brown Lawson, Charles E. Brown Jr., and Mrs. Ruth Brown Huedepohl.

HUGO D. GODE was born in Switzerland, October 31, 1878, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gode. He came to America with his parents in 1880 and settled in San Antonio, Texas. The family later moved to Franklin, Texas where his father was engaged in the cafe and saloon business, and it was also in Franklin that Mr. Gode received his public school education. Three of Mr. Gode's sisters were

born in America; Mrs. Bertha M. Beaumont, Mrs. D. M. Goodrich, and Mrs. T. R. Morgan. Bob Gode was another member of the Gode family and he made his home in New Braunfels, Texas.

Hugo D. Gode is a deacon in the First Baptist Church, a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge, a member of the Hearne Rotary Club, and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

For many years, Mr. Gode has been employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, being first employed by this company in 1901. He served this company at Trinity, Texas; Troup, Texas; and Round Rock, Texas before coming to Hearne to serve as freight agent.

Children of Mr. Gode are: L. M. Gode, H. A. Gode, R. K. Gode, Marvin H. Gode, Thelma Gode Nieman, and Mrs. W. B. Collier.

Hugo D. Gode died September 24, 1958.

JAMES GILBERT PHILEN was born May 25, 1878 at Kopperl, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Newton Philen. He attended school at Kopperl and later attended a Waco business college.

Following his schooling he was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad Company as station agent at various points throughout the southwest. In 1907 he made his start in the banking business as cashier of a new bank in Kopperl, Texas. In 1910 he organized the bank in Rio Grande City, Texas.

In 1911 he came to Hearne, Texas from Rio Grande City and was made cashier of the Planters & Merchants State Bank. In 1927 he became president of this bank and served in this capacity until 1949. Under his leadership, this bank prospered and grew into one of the most stable institutions of its kind in this part of Texas.

He was married to Miss Mae Davis, June 18, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Philen had a son, James Gilbert Philen Jr., who was reared in Hearne and later moved to Brownsville, Texas where he became substantially established in business. Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Philen are: Barbara Philen, Joan Philen, and Nancy Philen.

In his public service, James Gilbert Philen served on the Hearne City Council for 14 years and as Mayor of Hearne for 7 years. He was extremely active in both his position as President of the bank and in the civic life of Hearne.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Philen were members of the First Baptist Church and Mr. Philen was a member and Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club, a member and former President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge. James Gilbert Philen died in 1949 at the age of 71 years.

PATRICK S. GROGAN was born in Tennessee and attended the public schools of Jackson, Tennessee and Clarksdale, Mississippi.

He married Miss Lee Beckham, daughter of Beverley W. Beckham and Sidney Carr Beckham of Hearne. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grogan, a daughter, Sidney Grogan Robedeau.

Patrick S. Grogan was a resident of Hearne for many years where he was an official of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company. He was a pioneer in the Texas cottonseed oil business and established several cotton seed oil plants in Texas. He served as president of the Magnolia Provision Company of Houston, president of the Magnolia Cotton Oil Company of Giddings, Texas, President of the Planters Oil Company of Hearne and Taylor, and was managing director of the Fort Bend Cotton Oil Company of Richmond, Texas.

Patrick S. Grogan died at the age of 64 years.

LEE JOSEY was born at Benchley, Texas, August 6, 1879 and was a lifelong resident of Robertson County.

His early life was spent on the family farm in the Benchley community and in early manhood he was employed by the county commissioner as foreman of a road construction crew. He served as a deputy sheriff before moving to Hearne in 1919.

In 1928 he was elected as Constable of Precinct No. 2 of Robertson County, Texas and continued to be elected to this office every two years up to the time of his death. He also served on the city police force of Hearne for 25 years and was Police Chief for the City of Hearne at the time of his death.

He had the reputation of being a cool-headed law enforcing officer and was well liked by the general public. In his later years, he was called "Uncle Lee" by everyone in the community. During the time he was employed by the County Commissioner, he assisted in the building of the first 'good road' through Hearne.

He was married to Miss Minnie Eloise Allen, December 3, 1899 and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Josey: Myrtle Josey Solomon, Ruby Josey Boswell, Ollie Josey Houston, J. T. Josey Pauline Josey Maguire, and Marie Josey Jackson.

His wife, Minnie Eloise Allen Josey died in August 1927, and he was later married to Mrs. Sarah L. Richardson.

"Uncle Lee" Josey died March 19, 1954, ending a career of public service that extended over a period of 50 years.

WILLIAM DENNIS BACKSTONE was born in Georgia, October 8, 1880 and came to Hearne, Texas to make his home in 1912. His first employment in Hearne was with R. R. Cole's General Merchandise Store and this employment was continued until 1919.

In 1919, in partnership with Herman W. Wilkerson he went into the retail grocery business for himself, this firm being located on Magnolia Street. He later bought his partner's interest in this business and continued in the retail grocery business until 1943. After discontinuing his retail grocery business he was a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery firm for several years.

Always active in all phases of civic life, he served on the Hearne

City Council for 22 years and was later County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

He was married to Miss Fanny Wilkerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilkerson. The following are children of Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone: William Dennis Blackstone Jr. Ralf Blackstone, Alan Blackstone, Billy Blackstone, and Frances Blackstone Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone were members of the Methodist Church where he served for many years on the Board of Stewards. He was a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club, served as chairman for the Robertson County Red Cross Chapter, and a Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the most ardent sports fan in the the community and followed the Hearne High School athletic teams for many years.

William Dennis Blackstone died in 1952 after serving a very useful life to the Hearne community.

DR. SILAS JAMES ALEXANDER was born October 19, 1882, near Palestine in Anderson County, Texas, the son of Christopher L. Alexander and Alice A. Alexander.

His academic education was received in the public schools and the Texas State Teachers College at Denton, Texas. His medical education was obtained in the Medical Department of Southwestern University, Dallas, from which he was graduated in 1909. After serving an internship at St. Paul's and Parkland Hospitals in Dallas, he then practiced for one year at Terrell, Texas in association with his brother. He then moved to Hearne in 1911 and this was his home for the remainder of his professional life.

He was a member of the State Medical Association and American Medical Association from 1912 to 1937 inclusive, first through the Dallas County Medical Society, and after his removal to Hearne, the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Society. During his medical career he regularly took post-graduate work in clinical centers in New Orleans and New York City. He served as vice-president of the State Medical Association for the year 1924-25. At the time of his death he was serving as a member of the Texas State Board of Health, which body adopted a formal resolution expressing its sympathy at his passing.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and served on the Board of Stewards; was a member of the Masonic Lodge and had served as an associate patron of the Eastern Star. He was a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club and served as President of the Hearne School Board. Dr. Alexander had served the City of Hearne as Health Officer for many years. He was beloved by the citizens of the Hearne community for his tenderness and attention to his patients and friends in the time of need. Dr. Silas James Alexander died October 31, 1937.

He was married to Miss Mavis Cole of Franklin, Texas, November 18, 1914 and the following children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Alexander: Alice Alexander Thomas, Mavis Alexander Knox, and a son, Silas James Alexander Jr.

Mrs. Alexander was a native of Wheelock, Texas. She was born January 4, 1892, the daughter of Dr. Elcain Dulaney Cole and Stella Yardley Cole. Her father died in 1895 and she then lived in Franklin, Texas with her mother and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Yardley.

After the death of Dr. Alexander in 1937, Mrs. Alexander maintained her home in Hearne until 1941 in which year she moved to Austin. She was married to Dean J. Anderson Fitzgerald, dean of the college of business administration at the University of Texas in 1946. In her earlier days, Mrs. Alexander attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College, the University of Texas, and the University of Chicago. She died November 28, 1949.

In 1935, the Alexander family donated a one acre tract of land on the Bryan highway as a Memorial Park to Mrs. Alexander's Mother, Mrs. Stella Cole.

THOMAS F. BRASHEAR, the son of Thomas F. Brashear and Alberta Wadsworth Brashear, was born July 13, 1882, and was a resident of Hearne the major part of his lifetime.

He was married to Miss Annie Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Griffin of Hearne. Mr. and Mrs. Brashear had two children: a daughter Ann Brashear Newton, and a son, Thomas F. Brashear.

Until his retirement, he had been a representative for the Frost Lumber Industries for over fifty years, traveling out of Hearne and Austin.

During his many years of residence in Hearne, he was active in community affairs, was a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge, and a communicant of St. Philips Episcopal Church, serving many years on the Vestry.

Thomas F. Brashear died in 1955 and is buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

MARION MATKIN McNEEL, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tynus W. McNeel, was born at Elliott in Robertson County, Texas, July 20, 1883. His parents were pioneer citizens of the Hearne community.

He received his education in the country school at Elliott and later attended the Hearne public schools. During his boyhood, he lived and worked on the family farm at Elliott.

He was married to Miss Carrie Reinhardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Reinhardt, August 17, 1909. Mrs. McNeel was born in 1891 in Temple, Texas. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. McNeel were: Maurice Malcolm McNeel, Edwin Marion McNeel, and Randle Meredith McNeel.

In his early manhood, Mr. McNeel went to work for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company at Elliott and the majority of his life was spent in railroad work. After serving various railroads in Texas, he came to Hearne in 1915 where he worked as chief clerk for the H. & T. C. Railroad until 1923 when with his family he moved to Calvert as cashier for the same railroad there.

In 1925 he returned to Hearne as cashier of the Southern Pacific Railroad and held that position until the time of his death on May 11, 1950.

He was a Deacon in the First Baptist Church of Hearne for many years and also served as Church Treasurer. He was very fond of boys and young children and always supported any program for the benefit of the Youth of Hearne.

MISS BESSIE REINHARDT was born June 7, 1885 at Calvert, Texas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Reinhardt. She was a sister of Carrie Reinhardt McNeel, Ed Reinhardt, and Jessie Reinhardt, old time residents of Hearne. Although she was in ill health for many years, Miss Bess made a host of friends in the Hearne area. Other members of the Reinhardt family were: Foster Reinhardt, Martin Reinhardt, Jodie Reinhardt, and Mary Reinhardt.

JOHN CALVIN WALTMON was born at Jewett, Texas, October 30, 1884. He came to Hearne in 1904 at the age of 20 years and his first job was working in the E. Fisher General Merchandise Store.

In 1907, he was employed by the Travis Oil Mill in Hearne, this company later changing its name to the South Texas Cotton Oil Company. Later, he became manager of this oil mill and served 37 years before his retirement.

He was married to Miss Floy Larkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus M. Larkin, June 30, 1927.

Mr. Waltmon was active in the civic and business life of Hearne for a period of 40 years; serving as a member of the Hearne School Board for 9 years, a member of the Hearne Rotary Club, and President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

John Calvin Waltmon died November 18, 1944.

HARRY S. GRAY, the son of J. E. Gray and Mamie Goggan Gray, was born in Caldwell, Texas, January 21, 1885.

In 1894, at the age of 9 years, he came to Hearne to make his home when the family moved from their home in Caldwell.

He attended the public schools in Hearne and at the early age of 16 years he began his employment with the H. & T. C. Railroad, this employment continuing for a period of 44 years.

He was married to Miss Jessie Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Massey of Hearne. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray: Martha Alice Gray Westmoreland and Evelyn Gray who mar-

ried Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson, famed Texas A. & M. College athlete.

Mr. Gray, who died in 1945, was a very worthy citizen of Hearne and a Christian gentleman whose faith was exemplified in his everyday life.

His mother, Mamie Goggan Gray, was born in Alabama and came to Texas with her family and settled in Millican, then later moved to Hearne. She made her home in Hearne until 1916 then moved to Houston where she died at the age of 90 years. She was very active in the Baptist Church of Hearne. To celebrate her 90th birthday, she had her first airplane ride, traveling from Houston to Galveston. Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gray were: Harry Gray, Ella Gray Hall, Alice Gray Crocker, Winnie Gray Sally, John Gray, and J. P. Gray

DR. JOHN W. BLACK was born in 1888 at Dallas, Texas and came to Hearne in 1911 and practiced medicine in Hearne until 1919, then moved to Bryan, Texas where he continued his practice for 18 years.

In 1912 he was married to Miss Mattie Belle Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott of Hearne. Children born to Dr. and Mrs. Black were: Mary Martha Black, John Black, and Albet Scott Black.

Dr. Black was more nearly the type of what has been termed the 'family' physician than many of the present-day members of the profession he honored. He was a physician rather than a specialist. While a busy man, he still had time for longer visits with his patients than only medical advice required, and the psychological effect of his kindly and cheery manner and of his encouraging words and attitude has been of inestimable value to many of his patients. The character of the man was reflected, too, in the confidence children showed in him. He had that quality which made them unafraid when in his care, regardless of what new experience they might be facing.

As a citizen of the community, Dr. Black had an abiding interest in its upbuilding and he was active in many movements for economic, social and cultural improvements. He was a firm friend of the public school system and had been active for many years in the Rotary Club.

He was one of the organizers of the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Society, which he served as President and Secretary, doing all possible to develop this organization into a service not only to the membership but to the clientele of the members. He was a member of the Methodist Church and served on the Board of Stewards as well as being active in the church choir.

In all the relations of life, Dr. Black was a man of charity and was quick to respond to calls for help. Though he passed away in

the prime of life in 1937, at the age of 48 years, he left his family and friends the legacy of years well spent and of a service to his fellow man that always was sincere and unselfish.

TOM B. PALMOS, son of Vasileios Palmos and Arete Katopodis Palmos, was born January 18, 1888 at Vatheos, Meganisiou, Lefkas, Kingdom of Greece. He received his schooling in a Greek school at Vatheos.

On April 17, 1909, when he was 21 years of age, he left his home in Greece and came to America to make his home. He landed at Ellis Island, New York and from there he went to Dekalb, Illinois where he secured employment with the American Steel Wire Company.

During the Balkan War he served in the military forces from September 14, 1912. On July 15, 1916 he entered the U. S. Army and served during World War I with the Eighth Division, 15th Regiment.

After completing his military services he returned to Dekalb, Illinois and in April 1920 he moved to Hearne to become associated with his brother, George B. Palmos, in the cafe business. Mr. Palmos is one of Hearne's best known citizens and is highly respected.

He was married to Miss Helen Cox, daughter of Sam Reed Cox and Ola Lula Davlin Cox, June 12, 1930. Mrs. Palmos was born and reared at Easterly, Texas and graduated from Franklin High School. She moved to Hearne in 1927. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Palmos, a daughter, Eftimea T. Palmos who married John D. Ulrey. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrey have two daughters: Palma Rene Ulrey and Jhon Rae Ulrey.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Palmos are members of Grace Methodist Church and both are active in the business and civic activities of Hearne. Mr. Palmos is a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club.

JOHN THOMAS ALLEN HAMILTON was born January 27, 1888 at Thornton, Texas. He attended the public schools of that city and was employed during his early manhood by Wilson Brothers Dry Goods Company.

In 1909 he was married to Miss Ihna Belle Adams of Thornton. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton: Carmen Ercelle Hamilton Cochran and Nella June Hamilton Jamison.

In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton moved to Hearne to make their home, Mr. Hamilton being employed by The Hudson Company, Drygoods. This employment continued until April 1921. In 1921 Mr. Hamilton, Billy Hill, T. A. Cullum and John W. Green organized and opened a dry goods store under the firm name of Hamilton Dry Goods Company. After several years of operation of this firm, Mr. Hamilton bought the other interest in the business and continued to operate it until his death in 1943.

Mr. Hamilton was honored by his fellow citizens in being elected

to serve for several terms on the Hearne City Council during which time he also served as Mayor-Protem. He was a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and served that organization as President. He was a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club and also served this organization as President. For many years he served as a member and President of the Hearne School Board. He was a member of the Baptist Church and served on the Board of Deacons. A member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge, he was also active in practically all movements for the betterment of Hearne.

Mrs. Hamilton was very active in church work and the Eastern Star, serving for many years as a Sunday School teacher, member of the church choir, President of the Hearne Shakespeare Club, President of the Women's Missionary Society, member of the Hearne Music Club, and Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star.

John Thomas Allen Hamilton died September 4, 1943 and Ihna Bell Adams Hamilton died July 1, 1939.

GEORGE CONSTANTINE CHATMAS was born in Sparta, Greece, November 11, 1889. As a small boy he attended elementary school in his home town and worked in the olive groves and grape vineyards of his father and also did farm work. His mother died while he was still a small lad, and he continued to make his home in the small Grecian village until he was 14 years old.

In 1904 he came to the United States, landing at New York where he remained for thirty days and then made his way to Clarksville, Texas and went to work in a confectionery owned and operated by his cousin J. N. Athas. This employment continued for the next three years and in 1907 he moved to Hoboken, New Jersey and went to work for the railroad for three and one-half years. In 1910 he moved to New York and worked in a flower shop owned and operated by his brother and cousin.

In 1912 he returned to his native Greece for a visit of nine months and then returned to the United States and went to Chicago where he managed a confectionery until 1916.

In 1916 he moved to Marlin, Texas and went into the confectionery business with his brother John Chatmas. This business association continued for ten years.

In 1919 he was married to Miss Despina Pitsilade at Thomason, Connecticut, his bride having been born in Plomarion Mytilene, Greece and came to the United States in 1916.

On July 1, 1926, Mr. and Mrs. Chatmas and their children, Penelope Chatmas Siede, Dorothy Chatmas Smith, and Jimmie Chatmas moved to Hearne where Mr. Chatmas had purchased the Queen Theater from J. B. Looney.

In 1930, Mr. Chatmas brought the first talking pictures to Hearne

and Robertson County. The Chatmas Theater was constructed and opened to the public June 18, 1936.

Mr. Chatmas is one of the oldest independent theater owners and operators in Texas. He is a member of the Hearne Rotary Club, a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the Scottish Rite Order, a member of the Variety Club, and a member of the Theater Owners of America. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church and he has served for many years on the Vestry of St. Philips Church and was made a Vestryman Emeritus of this Church.

KARL G. ORTS was born at Paige, Texas, May 12, 1890, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Orts, pioneer farmers in Bastrop County, Texas.

His early boyhood days were spent at Paige where he attended school. In early manhood he moved to Hearne to make his home. He was employed by the Allen Hardware Company from 1910 until 1918 when he left this firm to organize the hardware department of the firm of Wood & Hervey. He later organized the Hearne Hardware Company and served as manager of this firm until 1932 when he returned to Allen Hardware Company.

He was married to Miss Annie Carr, June 17, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Orts had the following children: Elnora Orts, Jonelle Orts, Nona Beth Orts, Julia Ann Orts, Karl G. Orts Jr., and John Orts.

Mr. Orts was active in Hearne's business and civic activities during his entire lifetime. He was a Past Master of the Hearne Masonic Lodge and also served as Treasurer of this fraternal organization; was a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church and Church Treasurer; served as Chief of the Hearne Fire Department for many years and was later voted the honor of Honorary Fire Chief; and was a member of the Hearne City Council for 6 years. Karl G. Orts was one of Hearne's most loved and respected citizens. He died June 13, 1952 and Mrs. Orts died January 24, 1950.

ROBERT EARL CORNFORTH was born November 12, 1890 at Robinson, Texas in McLennan County. His parents were Alvin Burgess Cornforth and Lavenia Cook Cornforth.

At a very early age he moved from Robinson to Gatesville, Texas where he worked on the family farm and ranch. He attended school in Gatesville until 1904 when his family moved to Lampasas, Texas to continue farming and ranching in that area. He attended high school in Lampasas and was graduated with the class of 1910.

In 1910 the Cornforth family moved to Taylor, Texas, but Robert Earl Cornforth went to Waco, Texas where he attended Toby's Business College until 1913. During 1913 he moved to Taylor, staying in that city a short time and then moved to San Antonio, Texas

where he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and the Wells-Fargo Express Company.

In 1915 he accepted a position with the Taylor Water & Ice Company in Taylor, Texas and worked for this firm until he entered military service in 1917 during World War I. He received his military training at Camp Travis and shipped out to the battle front in Germany in 1918, serving as Regimental Supply Sergeant, 315th Engineers, 90th Division. While serving with the U. S. Army in France, during one of the big campaigns, he lost his metal identification tag. During September 1957 he received a letter from the U. S. Army records center in St. Louis telling him that his old 'dog tag' had been found by a Frenchman in Bure, France. The commanding officer of the records center enclosed the metal tag and a translated copy of the letter from the finder. The finder stated that he was weeding his garden and found a small round metal disc, which after being cleaned, appeared much as it stands now, affixed to a postal card. The Frenchman said he wondered for a moment what it could be and that it dawned on him that it might be the identity disc of an American soldier of the 1914 war. Looking further at the disc the finder said he began to wonder about the man who had worn it, who he was, and if he still was in this world. He said that he would like for the disc to be given to its owner and if possible have the owner write to him and let him know that the disc had at last reached its destination.

Mr. Cornforth served in the U. S. Army until July 3, 1919 and returned to his home in Taylor, Texas. On July 5, 1919 he went to work for the National Compress Company at Taylor and worked for this firm in that city until August of 1922. On August 31, 1922 he came to Hearne where he was employed with this company until November 1954.

On September 1, 1955, he was appointed Executive Director of the Hearne Housing Authority. Along with the duties of this position, he also operates a finance company.

On June 15, 1925 he was married to Miss Ruby Pippin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pippin of Groesbeck, Texas. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cornforth: a son, Robert Earl Cornforth Jr., and a daughter, Mary Jo Cornforth Glaxner.

Mr. Cornforth has been very active in the civic and business life of Hearne, serving on the Hearne Independent School District Board for 17 years and also served as President of this board; served two and one-half years as President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; is a member of the Hearne Rotary Club; and served on the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church since 1926.

The many years of public service rendered by Robert Earl Cornforth along with his activities in the business life of this area has added much to the progress of Hearne.

HARVEY SIDNEY SPILLER, son of Henry L. Spiller and Isabella Ellison Spiller, was born at Wheelock, Texas, August 22, 1890 and moved to Hearne, Texas in 1918 where he was employed by the Railway Express Agency and the Southern Pacific Railroad.

He entered military service during World War I and served as a gunner in the 345th Machine Gun Battalion and took part in a number of major battles including the Argonne offensive and the Battle of St. Miheil. He was discharged from the armed forces in June 1919 after having served in the Army of Occupation.

He was married to Miss Lena Dixon at Wheelock, Texas, November 29, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Spiller had two children; a daughter, Mary Katherine Spiller Briggs, and a son, Harvey Sidney Spiller Jr.

Mr. Spiller was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company at Hearne, June 21, 1923 and completed 30 years of employment with this company, receiving a gold wrist watch from this company which was presented to him at his home during his lengthy illness.

Always extremely active in the civic life of Hearne, he served on the Hearne City Council for 10 years as an alderman and was later elected Mayor of the City of Hearne to fill the unexpired term of J. G. Philen, later being elected to two full terms in that office and was serving as Mayor at the time of his death. He served the community well in public office and was always striving for the betterment of Hearne.

He was a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge, a member of the Baptist Church, a director and stock holder of the P. & M. State Bank of Hearne and had extensive real estate holdings in Hearne. Harvey Sidney Spiller died July 5, 1953.

GEORGE B. PALMOS, son of Vasileios Palmos and Arete Kaptopodis Palmos, was born at Lefkus, Greece, May 6, 1891.

He left his home in Greece in 1910 and came to the United States, making his first stop in Chicago. Later he was in various Texas towns before locating in Taylor, Texas. From Taylor he came to Hearne in 1914 and lived in Hearne for the remainder of his life.

As a comparative stranger in a strange land, George Palmos resolved to 'make good' in these surroundings and from a small beginning in Hearne in the restaurant business, he built for himself the reputation of being one of the best restaurant men in the state, at the same time winning for himself friendships among his patrons that were sincere and lasting. He was known by every railroad man in this area as well as to the general traveling public, and he had the respect and confidence of all who were ever in any way associated with him.

As a worthy citizen he occupied the position of member of the Hearne City Council, Treasurer of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, and a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist

Church. He was also a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club. He was active in all civic movements and lent every possible aid and encouragement to the advancement of educational interests.

George Palmos was married to Miss Bobbie Greer, daughter of Finnis L. Greer and Alta A. Greer in 1912. The marriage took place at Georgetown, Texas. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Palmos: Altie Palmos Gable, Artie Palmos Stanfield, Bill Palmos, Demetre Palmos, Paul Palmos, George Palmos Jr., and Bobbie Palmos. One son died in childhood.

Sometimes as men prosper they become selfish and close in putting out their money, but the more George Palmos prospered, the more he gave to every call and need. He liked to be called 'George' and mail from distant places addressed to just "George," Hearne, Texas always reached him. He was not anybody's "yes-man" but a man of fixed and sturdy principles, bold in whatever he believed to be fair and just, and no man ever saw him flinch in the face of danger or duty. George B. Palmos died September 21, 1937 and the community lost a great man.

GLENNY DIAL MARTIN, son of Robert T. "Little Bob" Martin and Marie Louise Fowler Martin, was born in Hearne, Texas, May 10, 1891.

During his early boyhood he attended public school in Hearne but later moved to Houston, Texas and was graduated from high school in that city in 1910.

In the fall of 1910 he went to work in the cotton office of George H. McFadden & Brother in Hearne and continued to work for this firm until 1920 when he formed a partnership in the cotton buying business with D. R. Atkisson, this firm operating in Hearne for 10 years before being dissolved in 1930. During 1926 he moved to Waco in order to enter a larger territory for his cotton buying business and moved back to Heane in 1928. After dissolving the firm of Adkisson & Martin in 1930 he continued in the cotton buying business. At one time, 1938 through 1942, he was agent in Hearne for the Magnolia Petroleum Company. He entered the automobile business in partnership with Patrick B. Hall under the firm name of Martin-Hall Company.

He has served on tax equalization boards and was a member of the War Ration Board during World War II. His father, Robert T. Martin, was born March 15, 1860 and died August 19, 1899. His mother, Marie Louise Fowler Martin, was born June 4, 1867 and died September 13, 1911. Other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Martin were: Robert Fowler Martin, Norine Martin Wilrich, Marie Louise Martin, John Franklin Martin, and Rose Marcita Martin.

Glenny Dial Martin was married to Miss Lucille Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Welch, December 25, 1916. Three sons

were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin: Glennly Dial Martin Jr., Captain Robert W. Martin, and Arnold Randolph Martin. All of these Martin boys are graduates of Hearne High School.

Mrs. Martin was born in Hearne, December 21, 1898. She attended the Hearne schools and graduated from Hearne High School in 1916, and later attended Baylor University School of Music and taught music in Hearne for many years. She was appointed Postmaster of Hearne, April 16, 1945. Mrs. Martin is a charter member of the Hearne Music Club and a former member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club. Her church affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Hearne.

Glennly Dial Martin Jr. was born October 2, 1917; Captain Robert W. Martin was born January 18, 1922; and Arnold Randolph Martin was born February 25, 1923.

Glennly Dial Martin's maternal great grandmother was Mary O'Meara of Ireland and his grandmother Fowler at one time owned and operated the Alden Hotel which was located on the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Hearne. His grandfather, Robert T. "Big Bob" Martin was born in Kilkenny, Ireland in 1834 and died July 19, 1888 and is buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

ELSEY LEMAN WILLIAMS, son of George M. Williams and Anna Laura Kendall Williams, was born in Hearne, Texas, December 25, 1891.

His early boyhood was spent in Hearne and his first employment in boyhood was in a bakery shop owned and operated by D. G. Boyd. He attended the Hearne Public Schools and graduated from Hearne High School. After graduating from high school, he went to work for the Houston & Texas Central Railroad as a call boy and locomotive fireman. His employment with the railroad continued until 1910. In December 1910 he went to work for the Allen Hardware Company in Hearne as a clerk and bookkeeper and continued in this position until August 1914 at which time he was employed by the Industrial Cotton Oil Company of Hearne where he worked until December 1918 at which date he was again employed by Allen Hardware Company and has continued his employment with that firm as manager.

In 1915, Elsey Leman Williams was married to Miss Grace Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Hearne. In 1922, twin sons, Wendall and Kendall Williams were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Both graduated from Hearne High School.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the First Baptist Church, both being very active in church work; Mr. Williams having taught in the Sunday School and Mrs. Williams being very active as a member of the church choir. Mr. Williams has been a very active citizen of Hearne having served several terms as a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District as

Secretary; has served on the Board of Tax Equalization of the School District and the City of Hearne; served as a Director for the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and is a member of the Golden Rule Lodge of Hearne. He is a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club.

Elsey Leman Williams has long been connected with the business and civic affairs of Hearne and is one of the most highly respected citizens of this area.

W. A. "Unk" McNEEL, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tynus W. McNeel, was born at Hearne, Texas, April 1, 1892. He attended school in the Elliott community and worked on the family farm when he was a boy.

He later was an employee for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and was active in civic and boy scout work for many years. A veteran of World War I with overseas duty, he was instrumental in organizing the Miles Scriviner Post of the American Legion in Hearne, and served as Commander of this post.

He started his scouting work in Hearne in 1919 soon after returning from World War I when the Hearne Scouts came directly under the New York office. Since that time he served in all capacities in scout work in Hearne.

He was honored as a life member of the Cub Scouts in ceremonies in Hearne in 1952 and was presented a gold pin by the Sam Houston Area Council in recognition of his 33 years of outstanding service in the scouting movement. He also served as a Member-at-large in the Sam Houston Area Council up to the time of his death.

During his entire life he maintained a close relationship with hundreds of the boys who had gone through the scouting program in Hearne and was always greatly interested in the activities of all phases of scouting in this area. His unselfish service in molding character in the youth of this community won for him the admiration of the entire citizenry.

He was married to Miss Lillian Lawrence, a Hearne school teacher, and Mr. and Mrs. McNeel had one son, Tynus W. McNeel.

During the last years of his life, "Unk" McNeel continued to be a leader of boys, and although he was not active in scouting work in his later years, he remained in close touch with the boys and the scouting activities of this area. He was often quoted as saying, "There is no such thing as a juvenile delinquent." When it was pointed out that some boys were "tough customers" he would reply, "In many cases like that the parents have not taken the time to train the boys." All of his work with boys was done without a single penny for pay but was done for his great love for them, these boys tagging him with the name of "Unk."

"Unk" McNeel passed on to his reward November 10, 1952, end-

ing a great life of service to his country, community and to many hundreds of boys that will always remember him as a great friend.

EMMETT YATES ELY, son of Lafayette Ely and Susan Frances Ely, was born at Gause, Texas, July 20, 1893. His parents were pioneer citizens of the Gause community.

He spent his early boyhood at the family home near Gause and attended public school in that community, later attending the public schools of Hearne.

He was married to Miss Frances Kirkpatrick, daughter of Dewitt Kirkpatrick and Alice Gregg Kirkpatrick of San Saba, Texas, Decembe 28, 1915. A son, Emmett Yates Ely Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ely. Emmett Yates Ely Jr. was married to Miss Sue Tucker of Weatherford, Texas and they have two children: Elane Ely and David Ely.

In 1922, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Yates Ely came to Hearne to make their home. Since their residence in Hearne, Mr. Ely has engaged in cotton farming and ranching in the Brazos Bottom where he owns cotton lands. Mr. Ely is a stockholder and member of the Board of Directors of the P. & M. State Bank of Hearne and is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge where he has held membership since 1922.

PHILLIP SOLOMON SNELL, son of T. C. Snell and America Snell, was born at Hempstead, Texas, February 24, 1891.

With his family, he moved to Hearne when he was a young boy and attended the Hearne public schools.

In his early manhood he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad and served as a switchman in the Hearne yards of this company throughout his railroad career.

He was married to Mrs. Eddie Griffin and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snell: T. C. Snell, Phil S. Snell Jr., William Snell, James R. Snell, Joe Snell, Tommy Snell, Julia Ruth Snell, Katie Snell, Ann Snell, Janie Marie Snell, and two step-daughters; Mrs. Bernadine Griffin Morgan and Mrs. Eloise Griffin Harris.

Phillip Solomon Snell died July 19, 1957.

RANDLE W. MILLER was born in Austin, Texas but moved to Hearne, Texas when he was a small boy and attended the public schools of Hearne and later attended Bingham Military College in North Carolina.

After finishing his education he took his place in the business life of Hearne when he established one of the very first automobile agencies in Hearne and Robertson County. He owned and operated this business in Hearne for many years. He was honored by the citizens of Hearne by being elected to serve on the Hearne City Council when he was a young man. He was also a very active member of

the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations of Hearne.

He was married to Miss Katherine Tolbert of Calvert, Texas in December 1916 and two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Marjorie Miller Brashear and Katherine Miller Young.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Miller moved to Bartlett, Texas where Mr. Miller continued in the automobile business. He was elected to the office of Mayor of Bartlett and under his administration the Bartlett Municipal Electric Power Plant was built.

In 1944 he became General Manager of the Brazos Electric Co-operative Inc. with his office being located at Waco, Texas. Under his management this electric power system has experienced great growth.

His brother, Monroe Miller, was also reared in Hearne and was married to Miss Hazel Wood, daughter of Charles Glove Wood and Aurie Adkins Wood, November 17, 1913. Hazel Wood Miller was born February 22, 1891 and died May 10, 1957. Monroe Miller died January 1, 1945. Both are buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne.

DR. WILLIAM KNIGHT WALTMON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waltmon, was born in Hearne, Texas, March 11, 1895.

He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1912. He enrolled at Baylor Dental College and received his D.D.S. Degree in 1915 and opened his practice of dentistry in Hearne.

At the outbreak of World War I in 1917, he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Dental Corps and served overseas until his discharge in July 1919. He then returned to Hearne to resume his practice of dentistry.

He was married to Miss Dortha Kiehn, September 6, 1921 and their son James Robert Waltmon was born November 25, 1931.

Dr. Waltmon has been very active in the business and civic life of Hearne, serving as President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce in 1922-23. He is a member of Grace Methodist Church and served as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent of the Sunday School from 1926 through 1936 and also served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards from 1931 to 1944.

In 1922 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Hearne Building & Loan Association and has served as President of that organization since 1944. He received Fellowship in The American College of Dentists in September 1942.

Dr. Waltmon is a charter member of the Hearne Rotary Club which was organized in 1925 and served that organization as secretary from 1925 to 1927 when he was chosen as President of the Rotary Club. He is now serving as Treasurer for the Rotary Club. He has always been interested in the progress of Hearne and is extremely

proud of the part the Hearne Building & Loan Association has played in the growth of the city. Both he and Mrs. Waltmon are excellent musicians and like to entertain their friends with their music. Dr. Waltmon plays the violin and Mrs. Waltmon performs at the piano and organ and is well known as a vocalist.

William Knight Waltmon has long been a leader in Hearne and many are those that have to come to him for advice on personal matters as well as public matters.

Dr. Waltmon was President of the Brazos Valley District Dental Society in 1935 and Vice-President of the Texas Dental Association in 1949.

ROY O. ELY, son of William Henry Ely and Myra Walker Ely, was born at Gause, Texas, February 7, 1895. When he was seven weeks old, his parents moved to Hearne and he has continued to live in Hearne.

He attended the Hearne Public Schools and was graduated from Tyler Commercial College in July 1914. After finishing his education, he was employed by the Planters and Merchants State Bank of Hearne as a bookkeeper (this position also included such details as sweeping the bank floors and emptying the spittoons at that time).

During World War I he was in the U. S. Armed forces for almost two years. After receiving his military discharge in 1919 he returned to Hearne to resume employment there as Cashier, later becoming Vice-president. He held these positions for over twenty years. In 1949 he assumed the duties of President of the Planters & Merchants State Bank. He has also been connected with the Hearne Building & Loan Association and now serves as director of this organization. His first connection with the Hearne Building & Loan Association began in 1914.

He has a son, William Stephen Ely, who was born in Hearne and attended public school and graduated from Hearne High School and Oberlin College.

Roy O. Ely is a member of the Baptist Church and the Hearne Masonic Lodge and also holds membership in the Scottish Rite of Austin and his Shrine membership is at Waco, Texas. He has served as President of the Hearne Welfare Council, Treasurer of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Rotary Club, a former member of the Hearne School Board, a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association, and a charter member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post.

JUD H. COLLIER was born at Mumford, Texas, October 30, 1892, the son of Joseph Robert Collier and Rachel Anne Bailey Collier. His father, a Brazos Bottom planter, was born October 12, 1856 and died at his home in Waco, August 18, 1954; his mother was born February 11, 1861 and died August 10, 1943.

He attended Mumford Public School, Waco Public School, Douglas Private School and Baylor University. During his boyhood he worked on his father's cotton plantation and also in the broom factory and syrup mill owned and operated by his father. From 1908 to 1916 he operated his father's gin each fall and also worked in his father's store. In 1917 he owned and operated Collier's Gin at Mumford and continued this operation until the gin was dismantled in 1942. Since 1918 he has owned and operated Collier's Store at Mumford. In 1915-16-17 he and his brother Robert B. Collier farmed 2000 acres at Goodland and Mumford. Since 1918 he has operated his farm at Mumford.

The Colliers live in the only original plantation home in the Hearne Brazos Bottom, this home having been re-done in 1937, retaining it almost as it was originally built. Most of the Negro cabins at this plantation home were also repaired and put in good condition. He operated this farm from the beginning with mule teams until 1940 when everything on his plantation was mechanized. All of the cotton land on the Collier place is irrigated. Along with cotton, the farm produces corn, grain sorgums, and maize. Cattle raising is also carried on extensively.

Jud Collier was an active worker in the project of getting the Mumford Road constructed and later having this road re-worked and topped with asphalt in 1938.

He was married on July 3, 1917 to Miss Lillian Welch, daughter of Charles Pinkney Welch and Mary Louise Hostrasser Welch, pioneer citizens of Hearne. A daughter, Frances Elizabeth Collier Foyt, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Collier and they have two grandchildren: Tommy Foyt and Barbara Foyt. Frances Elizabeth Collier married Thomas E. Foyt.

Mr. Collier has been active in all civic, religious, and political activities of the Hearne Brazos Bottom area, Robertson County, and on the state and national level. He is a member of the Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, Postmaster at Mumford since 1938, Democratic Precinct Chairman 1925-1940, Secretary of the Mumford School Board 1933-1940, Community Chairman USDA Plough Up Campaign in 1932-33, a Director of the Hearne Cotton Compress Company since 1949, Secretary-Treasurer Mumford Alfalfa Milling Company, Member National Association of Postmasters, Member Texas Association of Postmasters, Member of the Texas Dehydrators Association, and the Robertson County Farm Bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Collier have made three trips with the Council of International Relations group and Texas Good Neighbors. In 1953 they attended the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in England. In these trips they have visited sixteen countries in Europe and the Near East. They were also members of the above groups in 1956 for a tour

around the world and in 1957 for a trip to South America, Central America, and Mexico.

LILLIAN WELCH COLLIER was born at Hearne, Texas, February 7, 1896, the daughter of Charles Pinkney Welch and Mary Louise Hostrasser Welch. Mr. Welch was born September 7, 1859 and died October 7, 1937. Mrs. Welch was born February 9, 1862 and died December 6, 1948.

She attended the Hearne Public Schools and was in the last Tenth Grade graduating class which was composed of only three students; Lillian Welch, Nellie Carr and Bessie Burke. She was also in the first Eleventh Grade graduating class but this time there were only two students; Lillian Welch and Bessie Burke.

Mrs. Collier has often said that one of the favorite pastimes she enjoyed during her girlhood was the privilege of riding the old Hearne & Brazos Valley "Jack" train that made two daily round-trips from Hearne to the Brazos Bottom. Little did she dream while making these rides that she would ever make her home in the Brazos Bottom which she describes as "Heaven."

Upon completing her high school education she attended Baylor University in Waco and Southwest State Teachers College, later teaching school at Mumford in 1916-17.

She was married to Jud H. Collier, son of Joseph Robert Collier and Rachel Anne Bailey Collier, July 3, 1917. A daughter, Frances Elizabeth Collier was born to Mr. and Mrs. Collier and she married Thomas E. Foyt. Mr. and Mrs. Foyt have two children; Tommy Foyt and Barbara Foyt.

After her marriage, she and Mr. Collier established their home at Mumford in the Brazos Bottom at the old Collier plantation home.

One of the most interesting projects that Mrs. Collier has worked on was to build up the Mumford School System. When she taught at this school in 1916-17 it was only a two-teacher school. She worked on the school census and then went before the State Legislature to see if the Mumford School could be designated as an Independent School District. This was accomplished and bonds were voted to build a modern brick building and the teachers were increased from two to seven. This was known as one of the most unique schools in Texas because at that time it was a rural school and yet an independent district. When this school district was designated the county line between Brazos and Robertson counties had to be established from Benchley to Mumford and in the course of this work and surveying, the ruins of Old Fort Tenoxtitlan in Burleson County were discovered. This old fort was established in July 1830 as a Mexican Garrison and was located on the west bank of the Brazos River. The finding of this old fort was a help in getting the State Highway Commission to designate

the Hearne-Mumford Road as a Farm to Market Road and thereby receive state construction and maintenance.

Locally, Mrs. Collier is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne, an active member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club, an Honorary Member of the Hearne Garden Club, and an active member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce. From 1933 to 1938 she was Postmaster at Mumford and was President of the Mumford School Board from 1927 to 1933.

On a state and national level, Mrs. Collier has served as follows: Member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, a member of the Speaker's Bureau National Democratic Committee, Women's National Democratic Club, Chairman Women's Activities Texas Advisory Council, Texas Centennial Celebration Committee, Chairman Texas Roadside Council, President of Fourth District Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, District Vice Chairman Texas Division American Cancer Society, Chairman Central Texas Council Volunteer Service of Camps and Hospitals, Chairman Safety TFWC, Member of Board of Directors Texas Safety Association, participated in National Institute of Government — Chicago, 1939, Commissioner of Texas Heritage Foundation, Program Chairman Dehydrators Convention — Galveston, and many other national and state organizations.

In 1957 at Ashville, North Carolina, Mrs. Collier received a National Award from the General Federation of Women's Clubs for the Traffic Court program at Mumford and the Traffic Violators School. The Hearne Shakespeare Club was awarded \$100 in this instance.

In company with her husband, Mrs. Collier made three trips with the Council of International Relations group and Texas Good Neighbors. In 1953 they attended the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in England and visited sixteen countries in Europe and the Near East. They were also member of the above groups in 1956 for a tour around the world and in 1957 for a trip to South America, Central America, and Mexico.

Since 1917 Ms. Collier has been very active on a local, state, national and global level in public affairs and has traveled thousands of miles in her public activities.

CHARLES FERRARA was born in Italy, January 5, 1896 and came to America in 1913, settling in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne where he engaged in cotton farming. He opened his first store in Hearne in 1921, leaving Hearne in 1923 to open another store at Steele's Store in the Brazos Bottom and devoted his full time to this business until 1929.

In 1929 he moved to Wood Switch and was engaged in operating a store and became connected with his first cotton gin. The year 1932 found him back at Westbrook where he remained until 1940 when he purchased the Hearne Fair Dry Goods Store, later opening stores at

Bremond and Franklin. He is an extensive real estate owner in Hearne and land owner in the Brazos Bottom. He and his family are active communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he has served as vice president of St. Mary's Catholic Men's Society. He is a past director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Mumford School Board, has served on numerous occasions on tax equalization boards and is a stockholder and member of the Board of Directors of the P. & M. State Bank of Hearne.

In 1914 he was married to Miss Charlotte Trentacost of Bryan and three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferrara: Fred C. Ferrara, Rosa Lee Ferrara Roffino, and Mary Stella Ferrara Campise.

Charles Ferrara and his success story after leaving his native home in Italy and coming to Hearne in 1913 is typical of many citizens of Italian nationality that made good in America. When he arrived in Hearne in 1913, he could not speak one word of English, had only 25c in money, and carried identification papers requesting that he be taken to his brother-in-law Tony Trentacost upon his arrival in Hearne. By hard work and good management Charles Ferrara has built up large land and property holdings in this area and is one of the foremost citizens of the Hearne area.

PATRICK BURNEY HALL, son of Isaac David Hall and Libbie Burney Hall, was born at Madison, Georgia, October 26, 1898. His father came to Hearne from Georgia in 1895 and returned to Georgia where he was married in 1897.

He attended Hearne Public School and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1918 and then entered Texas A. & M. College.

Upon the completion of his education, he became associated with D. R. Adkisson & Company, cotton buyers of Hearne and worked with this firm in Hearne and Marlin. During the early 1920's he made two trips to Germany by working on the ships to pay for his transportation.

He continued his connection with the D. R. Adkisson Company until 1932 when he entered the feed store business and located this firm on Third Street. In 1933 he established The Pat Hall Company, a garage and service station business on Cedar Street in the business district. Along with this firm he was a partner in the B-H Finance Company. During this same year, in partnership with G. D. Martin, the Martin-Hall Company, an automobile dealership was established in Hearne.

In 1934, in addition to the other business enterprises he was connected with, he took over the ownership and active management of Hall's Cafe and Bus Station located on Magnolia Street. This cafe business had originally been established by his father in 1897.

On June 1, 1926 he was married to Miss Mabel Smith, daughter

of William Arlington Smith and Mary Holland Whitely Smith of Gatesville, Texas. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall: Patrick Burney Hall Jr., Isaac David Hall, William Arlington Hall, and Mabel Smith Hall who married Frank N. McMillian Jr.

Mr. Hall was active in the business and civic life of Hearne and was a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge, the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, and for many years served on the Vestry of St. Philips Episcopal Church and was also Church Treasurer. He was one of Hearne's most respected and loved young business men. Patrick Burney Hall died December 22, 1939.

WAIT STEPHEN HOYT JR., son of Wait S. Hoyt and Melissa Love McWilliams Hoyt, was born at Hearne, Texas, November 9, 1897.

He attended the Hearne Public Schools and as a young boy found employment operating a peanut parcher in the shoe shop owned by John Cuchia. He later served as a clerk in Hazlett's Drug Store, clerk for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company, clerk for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company, and was employed by a local oil mill.

In 1916 he moved to San Antonio where he was employed for three years with the Burns Drug Store. In 1919 he moved to Houston and was employed with the Southern Drug Company. During his years in Houston, he did extra work in several retail drug stores along with his regular employment with the wholesale drug firm.

In May 1931 he moved back to Hearne and opened a retail drug store for himself, this firm being the Post Office Pharmacy.

He was married to Miss Frances Irene Archer of Easterly, Texas, June 23, 1920 and a son, Odis Archer Hoyt, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, June 15, 1922.

In 1949 Mr. Hoyt was honored by the citizens of Hearne in being elected to the office of Mayor. During his administration, many public projects and improvements were accomplished.

Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Hearne Lions Club and served as a director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and took his Scottish Rite degrees in 1945 at Austin. Holding membership in the Scottish Rite bodies of Austin, he is also a member of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple of Austin and has served on the 13th Degree Team for several years.

He assisted in the organizing of the First State Bank of Hearne in 1957 and is a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of this bank.

ROY HENRY, son of James Sidney Henry and Annie Clara LeFevere Henry, was born at Tabor in Brazos County, Texas, September 5, 1899.

At the age of 14, he moved with his family to Wheelock in Rob-

ertson County where he attended the community school in that farming area. Prior to moving to Wheelock, he attended the public school in the Alexander community in Brazos Counay.

In 1918 he moved to Hearne and was employed by the Railway Express Agency and worked for this firm until 1919 when he went to work in pipe line construction work for the Humble Pipe Line Company. In 1920 he moved to Waco where he was employed for ten years with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

On November 16, 1925, he was married to Miss Lula Geneva Larkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus M. Larkin of Hearne. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry during their residence in Waco: a son Roy Larkin Henry and a daughter, Carol Henry Stodgill. The Henrys have two grandsons, Brett Mallory Henry and Bruce Henry, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Larkin Henry.

In 1930 Mr. and Mrs. Henry moved back to Hearne and Mr. Henry operated a Gulf Service Station on Market Street. On August 5, 1937 he was appointed Agent for the Gulf Oil Corporation in Hearne.

He has been active in the civic and business life of Hearne, having held the following offices; President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce where he was a member of the Industrial and Highway Committees; President of the Hearne Rotary Club; member of the Hearne Housing Authority; Director of the First State Bank; Chairman of the Robertson County Red Cross Chapter; Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Alfalfa Dehydrators Association; Secretary-Treasurer of the Hearne Alfalfa Milling Company; Chairman of the Hearne Alfalfa Fiesta; Chairman of the Petroleum Marketers of Texas; Chairman of the Robertson County Parole Board; and a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church since 1938.

In 1942 he was very instrumental and worked hard to secure the construction of the Hearne Prisoner of War Camp.

DR. WILLIAM MICHAEL BOGUSKIE, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Boguskie, was born March 10, 1900 at Anniston, Alabama and at the age of 12 his family moved to Kingsville, Texas where he was reared.

After graduating from high school in Kingsville, he attended pre-medical school at Southern Methodist University at Dallas where he was a member of Delta Sigma Chi fraternity. He attended Baylor Medical School and was graduated May 27, 1929. At Baylor Medical School he was a member of Phi Chi Medical fraternity. His internship was at Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas.

He was married to Miss Thelma Stovall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stovall of Abilene, Texas, May 29, 1929. Mrs. Boguskie received her nurse training at Baylor Hospital at the time Dr. Bogus was receiving his medical education.

Upon completion of his internship in 1930, Dr. and Mrs. Boguskie came to Hearne where their daughter Janis Boguskie was born October 13, 1931. Janis married Lawrence David Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brady of Hearne.

Dr. Boguskie took over the practice of Dr. S. J. Alexander during the time the latter was attending medical clinics. In Hearne, Dr. Boguskie served the town as a doctor during the depression of the 1930's and gave his services whether he got paid or not to deserving poor people.

In 1943 he built Hearne's and Robertson County's first hospital on Third Street and later made several additions increasing the capacity for caring for the sick and injured. He always kept pace with advances in the medical profession and his hospital was equipped with the latest type of equipment for anything other than major surgery.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army at the age of 17 and served as a Corporal in World War I. At the outbreak of World War II, he offered his services and was ordered to duty with the 45th Division, which was in training then at Camp Barkley in Abilene, Texas. While undergoing the strenuous training there, he suffered a heart attack which led to his hospitalization and eventual medical discharge from the army. At the time of his discharge, he held the rank of Captain. It was one of the greatest disappointments of his life, that he could not serve his country in its armed forces in World War II. However, he returned to Hearne, and despite his physical condition, drove himself to continue to serve the people of his community throughout the critical period.

Dr. Boguskie was a prominent citizen and widely known, both in his professional field and as a Hearne civic leader. He had many hobbies but he loved practicing medicine most of all.

The fact that he was loved and respected by the citizens of this area is evidenced through the many honors and public positions he held. He served as President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce after serving several years on the Board of Directors of that organization; President of the Brazos-Robertson Medical Society; City Health Officer; Member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church; President of the Hearne Rotary Club; Division Surgeon in Hearne for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company; Resident Physician for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company; and was a licensed civilian pilot and member of the N.A.P.A.

Dr. William Michael Boguskie, affectionately known to his many friends as "Dr. Bill," died suddenly of a heart attack November 15, 1947 while he was on a deer hunt in San Saba County, Texas, thus ending the career of a great man and doctor who had a very sympathetic and understanding attitude toward his fellowman. He had the capacity for making friends and being a friend. His courage

was unwavering in the face of the knowledge of his physical condition as he carried on to the end looking after the physical welfare of the citizens of the Hearne community.

ALFRED B. BRADY, the son of Peter Louis Brady and Jessie Mathews Brady, pioneer citizens of Hearne, was born November 18, 1901 at Hearne, Texas.

During his boyhood he attended the Hearne Public Schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1921. When he was a young boy he worked at his father's mill and cotton gin becoming acquainted with the cotton business which he later found employment as a cotton buyer.

After graduating from Hearne High School he attended the University of Texas from 1921 to 1924. In 1924 he was employed by the firm of Adkisson & Martin Cotton Buyers at Hearne and was connected with this firm until 1928.

In 1928 he organized a retail grocery business that operated under the name of Brady Brothers, a partnership being formed with his brother E. M. Brady. The firm of Brady Brothers also operated a cotton gin at Valley Junction for several years. After a serious fire completely destroyed the grocery store located on Fourth Street, he built a modern super market on the corner of Fifth & Cedar Streets, this business being the largest retail grocery business establishment in Robertson County.

In 1935 he was honored by the citizens of Hearne in being elected to serve on the Hearne City Council, and in 1938 he was further honored by Hearne citizens in being elected to the office of Mayor of the City of Hearne, he being the second member of his family to hold this office, his father having been in this office for many years. Many of Hearne's improvements were planned and constructed during his administration as Mayor of Hearne.

Alfred B. Brady has always been active in the civic, religious, and business affairs of Hearne, having served several terms as a Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Hearne Lions Club and a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was elected Robertson County Democratic Chairman in 1946 and again in 1948. A further honor in his political career came in 1948 when he was elected a delegate from the Sixth Texas Congressional District to the National Democratic Convention which was held in Philadelphia.

He was married to Miss Alice Ballerstedt of Manor, Texas, June 15, 1926. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brady: Alice Claire Brady, Anne Therese Brady, Genevieve Brady, Alfred B. Brady Jr., and Mary McGovern Brady.

LUCIEN LARKIN REED, son of Paley Andrew Reed and Gus-

sie Larkin Reed, was born at the Reed Plantation in the Hearne Brazos Bottom, January 2, 1908.

He was reared in the Brazos Bottom country and attended the Hearne Public Schools. During his young manhood, he was employed for several years with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and later entered the automobile business. His first venture in the automobile business was in Cameron, Texas.

After serving 25 months in the United States Navy during World War II with overseas duty being served in the Pacific, he received his discharge in November 1945 and re-entered the automobile business. He has operated this type of business in Waco, Bryan, Houston, and Hearne.

He was married to Miss Doris Mangum, daughter of Eugene Carl Mangum and Oneita McDaniels Mangum, December 25, 1946. Mr. Mangum was born in Mangum, Texas in Eastland County and Mrs. Mangum was born at Durant, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Reed were married in Hearne and have a daughter Carla Don Reed. Mrs. Reed attended the Hearne Public Schools and was graduated from Hearne High School. She attended Sam Houston State College at Huntsville where she received her B. A. Degree and the University of Texas at Austin where she received her Masters Degree.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of Grace Methodist Church. Mr. Reed is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne, member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, member of the Hearne Rotary Club, member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Knight of Pythias. He is one of Hearne's most active business men.

A. W. KLEMENT was born at Rockdale, Texas, November 30, 1901 and in early life with his family moved to Oklahoma where he attended schools in that state.

Later his family moved to Clovis, New Mexico where he was graduated from high school in 1917. He then moved to Tyler, Texas where he attended Tyler Commercial College. After graduating from this college in 1921, he accepted a position with a supply company at Mexia, working in that city during the "Oil Boom" days of the early 1920's.

In 1923 he went to work for the Lawrence Grocery Company in Bryan, Texas and moved to Hearne in 1926 continuing to represent that company as salesman.

In 1933 he went into the wholesale grocery business for himself in Hearne and at this time established the Hearne Wholesale Grocery Company.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth England of Ennis, Texas, October 5, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Klement have four sons: Captain A.

W. Klement Jr., John Klement, Louis Klement, and Allen Klement. All of the Klement boys are graduates of Hearne High School.

A. W. Klement is one of Hearne's most active business men. He is a member of the First Baptist Church where he serves on the Board of Deacons; is active in Church Brotherhood work; Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club; a Director in the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a former member and President of the Hearne School Board; has been made a Silver Beaver Boy Scout in recognition of his work with youth.

PHILLIP J. HAAS, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Haas, was born in Vienna, Austria, January 13, 1901.

With his parents, he moved to the United States in 1905 and became a naturalized American citizen in 1910.

His early education was received from St. Joseph's Parochial School in San Antonio, Texas and he attended senior college for two years. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1918 and served during World War I, receiving his military discharge in 1919.

After completing his military service he was employed in San Antonio by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. In 1927 he went to work for the Pacific Fruit Express Company. In 1929 he moved to Hearne as the first agent for the Pacific Fruit Express Agency, this company having finished construction and placed into operation a 45 car icing platform in Hearne.

He was married to Miss Mary Schrempp at Boerne, Texas, September 2, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Haas have two children; Phillip J. Haas Jr. and Marlene Haas.

Mr. Haas was honored by the citizens of Hearne by being elected to serve as a member of the Hearne City Council for a period of six years. He also served as Mayor Protem during this same period. He has been active in local youth work and he and his family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

DR. TOM A. SEARCY, son of The Reverend and Mrs. T. A. Searcy, was born at Bryan, Texas, June 26, 1904. His family moved to Iowa when he was five years of age and lived in four towns in that state during his early life. His father was a Baptist minister. His grade and high school education was received in Iowa.

In 1923 he entered De Moines University at De Moines, Iowa and was graduated from this school in 1926. From 1926 to 1930 he was a wheat farmer in western Kansas. He entered Baylor University College of Medicine in 1930 and received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1934. He interned at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas for one year and then moved to LaGrange, Texas where he practiced medicine for two and one-half years.

He moved to Hearne December 1, 1937 and practiced medicine until August 1, 1942 when he entered the U. S. Army during World

War II. During the latter part of 1945 he received his military discharge after serving in the European area.

During his military service he met Dr. James P. Fleming and after the war Dr. Fleming came to Hearne to practice with Dr. Searcy. Together, they built the Searcy-Fleming Hospital & Clinic in Hearne.

Dr. Searcy was married to Miss Jessie Eveland of Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 31, 1931. Dr. and Mrs. Searcy have two children: John Thomas Searcy and Martha Elizabeth Searcy.

Dr. Searcy is an active member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a Knights Templar in Bryan; a member of Ben Hur Shrine in Austin; a member of the Texas Medical Association; a member of the American Medical Association; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club; and serves as Health Officer for the City of Hearne.

BILL PALMOS, son of George B. Palmos and Bobbie Greer Palmos, was born at Hearne, Texas, September 6, 1915.

He attended the Hearne Public Schools, graduating from Hearne High School with the Class of 1933. While in high school he was active in football, baseball, and track.

He entered the University of Texas in 1933 and in 1939 received his LLB Degree from the university. He then returned to Hearne and set up his office as an attorney-at-law. During World War II, he served in the U. S. Navy from 1941 until the latter part of 1945. Upon his discharge from the U. S. Navy, he formed a partnership with John R. Grace, this firm being known as Grace & Palmos, Attorneys.

He was elected to serve as County Attorney for Robertson County in 1949 and served two terms through 1952, giving up the office to devote full time to his private law practice.

He was married to Miss Billie Goodman of Franklin in Hearne, October 10, 1942. He serves on the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church, is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, a member of the Scottish Rite at Austin, is a member of the Hearne Lions Club, Past Commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne, served as Vice-Commander of the 6th District of the American Legion; Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; serves as City Attorney for the City of Hearne; and is active in the Democratic Party on a national level.

DR. JAMES PATRICK FLEMING JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Fleming, was born February 19, 1917 at Williamstown, Massachusetts.

He was graduated from Wililams College and received his A.B. Degree in 1938. He attended Johns-Hopkins and received his M.D. in 1942. Dr. Fleming served his internship at Henry Ford Hospital

in Detroit, Michigan and his residency was at the Palmerton, Pennsylvania Hospital from 1945 to 1948.

During World War II he was attached to the 30th Infantry where he met Dr. T. A. Searcy. As a result of this friendship, Dr. Fleming moved to Hearne in 1948 to join Dr. Searcy in the practice of medicine. With Dr. Searcy, he established the fully staffed Searcy-Fleming Hospital & Clinic in Hearne in 1950.

He was married to Miss Mary Bessemer, August 19, 1940 and they have three children: James Patrick Fleming III, Timothy Michael Fleming, and Mary Jane Fleming.

The Fleming family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Hearne. Dr. Fleming is a member of the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Association, the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne, and he is active in the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

OSCAR HORACE McCOLLUM, son of James David McCollum and Ida Garrett McCollum, pioneer citizens of McLellan County, Texas, was born January 11, 1902 at Crawford, Texas.

His early childhood was spent at the family home in Crawford where he attended grade school. He completed his high school education at San Marcos Baptist Academy where he was graduated with the Class of 1921. Mr. McCollum attended Austin College from 1921 through 1924 and played baseball and football at this school.

After completing his college education, he moved to Houston, Texas in 1924 and was employed by the Crown Central Petroleum Corporation. He worked for this firm until December 1928 at which time he accepted employment with the Humble Oil & Refining Company.

He was married to Miss Aba McMordie of Perry, Texas in 1927 at Waco, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. McCollum have three children: Lt. Colonel Jack F. McCollum, Claudia McCollum Ramsay, and Virginia McCollum Sone.

In 1930 Mr. McCollum and his family moved to Hearne where he continued his connection with Humble Oil & Refining Company as wholesale agent. In 1940 he purchased and took over the active management of the Citizens Ice Company.

He has been one of Hearne's most active citizens having served as President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce as well as a director of this organization for many years. In connection with his work with the Chamber of Commerce, he has served on the Highway and Industrial Committees and has been very instrumental in securing the construction of many of the major highways in the Hearne and Robertson County area. In 1942, after the outbreak of World War II, he worked diligently with all concerned in obtaining the

construction of the Hearne Prisoner of War Camp. It was also largely through his efforts that the General American Transportation Corporation plant was built in Hearne.

In 1940 he affiliated with the Southwestern Ice Manufacturer's Association which embraces the states of Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma and he has served as a member of the Technical Committee for this organization. In 1957 he was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Ice Manufacturer's Association.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McCollum are active members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne; Mr. McCollum having served on the Board of Stewards since 1936.

He is a Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club, served as a member of the Hearne City Council, is a Director of the Camp Creek Water Company, and Chairman of the Hearne Housing Authority.

Oscar Horace McCollum has been most active in the business, civic and social life of Hearne and has worked hard for the industrial expansion of Hearne and Robertson County.

CAYCE MOORE, son of Samuel Allen Moore and Maude Welborn Moore, was born at Buckholts, Texas, August 31, 1909.

At an early age, he moved to Leon County with his parents and he attended a country school in the Long Hollow community of that county.

He was reared on a farm and shot squirrels and sold them in town, using the money he received to purchase his first barber tools, becoming a "stump" barber at the age of 11 years.

On May 8, 1927 he moved in from the country to Marquez, Texas and began barbering professionally at one of the shops of that town. This employment continued for two years and on May 8, 1929 he moved to Hearne to continue his profession as a commission barber.

He was married to Miss Polly Barnes of Franklin, Texas, December 16, 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have a son, Cayce Moore Jr., who was born February 24, 1942.

After working nine years as a commission barber, on October 1, 1938 he bought a barber shop of his own and located this business on Fourth Street in Hearne.

Cayce's real talent was not to make its appearance until he entered the columnist field in 1940. He wrote a humor column for the Hearne Democrat that was widely read.

In 1949 he stopped writing this column and entered the after dinner speaking profession. He was in demand in this profession from the beginning and hit the "big time" September 12, 1950 when he spoke to the Texas Vegetable & Citrus Growers & Shippers Convention at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Texas. His rise in the after dinner speaking field was phenomenal from this point and he has

since appeared on state, national and international convention programs.

In the July 3, 1954 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, in an article and four page spread entitled "What A Line This Barber Has," George Sessions Perry proclaimed Cayce as "the Nations Most Famous Barber." On numerous occasions, Cayce's career has been featured in large daily newspapers and Sunday magazine sections.

In 1953 Cayce became a member of the speaking staff of the Knife and Fork Club.

On the local level, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, is a Rotarian and has served on the Board of Directors of this organization, is a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church, and has assisted with the various athletic programs in Hearne.

Cayce Moore is one of the most widely known citizens of Hearne.

CHARLES M. ALTIMORE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Altimore, was born in Brazos County, Texas, December 10, 1904.

With his mother and father he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom when he was five years of age and has continued to make Hearne his home. He attended the Hearne Public Schools. During his young manhood he was engaged in the grocery and cafe business.

He was married to Miss Edith Faye Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphy, in 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Altimore have two children: a daughter, Frances Altimore Pierce; and a son, Charles Martin Altimore Jr.

Mr. Altimore is a member of Grace Methodist Church and is one of Hearne's most active business men as manager of the Hearne Electric and Appliance Company.

CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, son of Fred G. Blake and Alma Kurtzmann Blake, was born at Trinity, Texas, February 8, 1913.

He attended the public schools of Houston, Texas and later attended Texas A. & M. College. In 1933 he moved to Hearne.

He was married to Miss Naomi McMillian of Houston in 1932 and Mr. and Mrs. Blake have two sons: Thomas Charles Blake and Richard Edward Blake.

After serving thirty-five months active duty with the U. S. Navy during World War II, he returned to his home in Hearne and formed a partnership with A. E. Malone known as the Blake-Malone Insurance Agency. Prior to his entry into naval service he operated a service station and a freight delivery agency in Hearne along with his interests in the agriculture and cattle field. In addition to the operation of his personal enterprises, he served as Assessor & Collector of Taxes for the Hearne Independent School District.

During his entire residence in Hearne he has been a tireless worker on many projects for the benefit of the general public. He is

a former Secretary of the Hearne Rotary Club and is incoming President of this organization in 1958; a Past President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Past Worshipful Master of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge; and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Charles Edward Blake is active in American Legion Work: President of the Navasota River Improvement Association. Of all the honors that have been bestowed upon him he is particularly proud of having been made an honorary member of the Lone Star Farmers of Texas due to his untiring work with the Future Farmers of America organization.

VINCE CAMPISE was born May 11, 1919 at Bryan, Texas and has lived in or near Hearne, Texas since 1927.

He attended school at Mumford in the Brazos Bottom and Hearne High School. In addition to being the owner of a clothing store in Hearne, he owns and operates farm lands in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne. For several years prior to entering business for himself in Hearne, he was associated with his father-in-law in the general dry goods business.

He was married to Miss Mary Stella Ferrara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferrara and they have two children: Marie Campise and Virginia Lee Campise.

Mr. Campise has been active in Chamber of Commerce work and has served as Chairman of the Trade Development Committee of this organization. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a former President of the Hearne Lions Club. Much of his time has been devoted to work with the Hearne Boy Scouts.

In 1957, the people of Hearne honored Mr. Campise by electing him to serve as a member of the Hearne City Council. He is one of Hearne's most active and energetic business men.

WILLIE FREDERICK SANDER, son of William Christian Sander and Annie Louise Warmke Sander, was born at Brenham, Texas, August 18, 1916. He attended school in that city and moved to Hearne in 1935 as manager of the A. & P. Grocery Store which was located on the corner of Magnolia and Fourth Streets.

At the outbreak of World War II he enlisted in the U. S. Navy Air Corps and served overseas. After receiving his discharge from naval service he returned to Hearne in 1946 and in partnership with Louis "Boyo" Cochran organized the C. & S. Grain & Lumber Company and located this business on the corner of Market and Fifth Streets.

He was married to Miss Marjorie Beavers, daughter of Thomas Claude Beavers and Luella Xantippie Dickson Beavers of Hillsboro, Texas in 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Sander have two children; a son Tommy Sander and a daughter, Nancy Carolyn Sander.

He has been one of Hearne's most active business men since 1946 and served two terms as a member of the City Council of the City of Hearne. He is a Past President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and also served several terms as a Director of this organization; has served on the Board of Directors of the Hearne Rotary Club and was further honored by being elected to serve as President of this club; and is a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association. During the time that he served as President of the Rotary Club, under his leadership and personal efforts, the Boy Scout Building at the Hearne Municipal Park was built by the Rotary Club and presented to the City of Hearne for use in the scouting program. He continues his activities in all of these organizations and is one of Hearne's truly great civic workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sander are members of the Grace Methodist Church where Mr. Sander serves as a member of the Board of Stewards.

HENRY C. "Jack" KELLY was born January 26, 1919 at Alice, Texas. After reaching manhood and serving a four year hitch in the U. S. Air Forces during World War II, he moved to Hearne, Texas and was employed by the Planters & Merchants State Bank, October 15, 1945.

He was married to Miss Reo Turner of Mississippi, September 15, 1945 and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have a daughter, Nancy Kelly who was born in 1953.

Mr. Kelly is very active in the business and civic life of Hearne and is Past President of the Hearne Lions Club; former Treasurer of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Past Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Past Commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a member and Past President of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department. Both he and Mrs. Kelly are active members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne.

He has served three terms as a member of the Hearne City Council and in 1957 he was elected as Mayor of the City of Hearne. In addition to his business connection with the P. & M. State Bank where he is Vice-President and Cashier, he is also the owner of the Kelly Oil Company, distributors for petroleum products.

Mayor Kelly has the distinction of being one of the youngest Mayors in the state. He is also very active in youth work and was one of the hardest workers in the securing of the Little League park and organization for Hearne.

PALEY ANDREW REED, JR., son of Paley Andrew Reed and Gussie Larkin Reed, was born February 3, 1917 at Hearne, Texas.

He attended the Hearne grade school and Hearne High School, graduating with the Class of 1934.

In 1936 he moved to Houston to work and attended an embalm-

ing school for a period of four years, returning to Hearne in 1939. From 1941 to 1943 he worked as a licensed embalmer in Bryan. On May 1, 1943, he assumed managership of a filling station on Market Street in Hearne and operated this business until he took over the Ford dealership on April 24, 1945.

He was married to Miss Iva Lee Moon of Mart, Texas, June 25, 1937 and three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed: a daughter, Andra Lee Reed; and two sons, Lucien Ray Reed and Paley Andrew Reed III.

Mr. Reed has held the following offices in his many activities in business and civic organizations; President of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District; President of the Hearne Rotary Club; President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of Grace Methodist Church.

JOHN ORTS, son of Karl G. Orts and Annie Orts, was born in Hearne, Texas, July 4, 1921. He attended school in Hearne, graduating from Hearne High School with the Class of 1939.

Upon graduating from high school in 1939, he was employed by the State of Texas in Austin and worked in this position until 1942 when he went to work in Hearne for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

In 1945 he gave up this position and took over the management and operation of the Texas Company filling station on the corner of Market and Brown Streets.

He was married to Miss Mildred Fikes of Cameron, Texas, April 27, 1941, the marriage taking place in Austin, Texas. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Orts, a daughter, Janet Orts who was born in 1942 and John Orts, Jr. born June 9, 1958 and died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Orts are members of Grace Methodist Church and Mr. Orts is a member of the Hearne Lions Club, a Director of the Hearne Building and Loan Association, and a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Orts, a leader in Hearne's business and civic activities, has served several terms as a member of the Hearne City Council. He is the second member of his family to serve on the Hearne City Council; his father Karl G. Orts having served in this same capacity during the 1920's.

A. B. FUSSELL was born in Washington Parish, Louisiana, June 12, 1885 and grew into manhood and attended school there and in New Orleans.

After completing business school he went to work for lumber companies in Southern Louisiana, serving as accountant and credit manager in the commissaries. He then became credit manager for a

a chain of four grocery stores and left this employment to become manager of a Building & Loan Association in Louisiana.

He later was associated with the Federal Land Bank at Baton Rouge, Louisiana and left this position to move to Hearne, Texas in 1936 and enter the retail grocery business in Hearne and Bryan.

Upon getting established in Hearne he became active in the Chamber of Commerce and served that organization as President. He was also active in the Hearne Rotary Club for twenty years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church.

In 1906 he was married to Miss Mary Lillian Hoell at Groosttete, Louisiana and two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fussell: a son, Robert Fussell; and a daughter, Jerry Fussell who married Major Jack Richards of the U. S. Army.

After a business career in Hearne for over a period of twenty-two years, A. B. Fussell disposed of his business interests and retired in 1958.

EDWIN MARION McNEEL, son of Marion Matkin McNeel and Carolyn Reinhardt McNeel, was born in Hearne, Texas, January 12, 1912. He has carried the nickname of "Bully" since his youth; this also being the nickname of his father.

He attended Hearne Public Schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1929. Upon graduation he went to work at a filling station for one year. In 1930 he was employed by the Humble Oil & Refining Company and left this employment to accept a position with D. R. Adkisson & Co. Cotton Buyers.

In January 1937 he became associated with H. P. Culpepper Enterprises and later became auditor for the Culpepper interest in Hearne. He is also manager of the Hearne Jewelry Store and is a self-taught accountant.

He was married to Miss Virginia Looney of Branchville, Texas, July 12, 1936, the wedding being performed at Centerville, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. McNeel have one child, a daughter, Edwina McNeel Brewer.

Mr. McNeel became a member of the Hearne Rotary Club in 1945 and is a Past President of that organization. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and is affiliated with Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne where he has served as Worshipful Master. He is a member of the 13th Degree team in Scottish Rite Masonic work at Austin and is also a Past Patron of the local Eastern Star.

His religious affiliation is with the First Baptist Church of Hearne where he has served as Church Treasurer and Superintendent of the Sunday School. In 1958 he became a Director of the First State Bank.

During his high school days, he was a member of the Hearne High School Eagles football team, track team and basketball team.

TERRY P. CULBRETH, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Culbreth, was born February 1, 1909 at Madisonville, Texas.

He attended school in Madisonville, graduating from Madisonville High School with the Class of 1926. He then attended business college in Tyler, Texas and completed a business course there in 1927. On March 21, 1927 he went to work for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Houston, Texas and remained there until January 21, 1929 when he moved to Hearne to continue his work with that company. He now serves as Wire Chief at the Hearne telephone plant.

He was married to Miss Norma Thames of Hearne, July 13, 1929 and Mr. and Mrs. Culbreth have two sons: Terry P. Culbreth Jr. and Kenneth Culbreth; both sons attending and graduating from Hearne High School where they were both outstanding athletes.

Mrs. Culbreth is also a long-time employee with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company her service beginning in 1940.

Mr. Culbreth is a Past President of the Hearne Lions Club; a member of the First Baptist Church; Past Worshipful Master of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; Past Worthy Patron of the local Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the 13th Degree team of Scottish Rite Masonic work in Austin; a past member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District; and a member of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple in Austin.

LEON J. TOMLIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Tomlin, was born in Smith County, Texas near Tyler, September 19, 1918. He received his early schooling there and graduated from the White House High School in 1937. He then went to work at the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas in the accounting department.

He enlisted in the U. S. Marines in 1941 and served during World War II, receiving his discharge in 1946. Upon completing his military duty after the war with the rank of Captain, he went to work for the Tidewater Associated Oil Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He left this position in September 1947 to enter Texas A. & M. College where he received his B. S. Degree in 1950. In 1955 he received his Master of Education degree from Texas A. & M. College.

He came to Hearne in July 1950 to teach in the Vocation Agriculture Department of Hearne High School and was later made head of this department.

He was married to Miss Jimmie Belvin of Houston, Texas, January 24, 1941 and Mr. and Mrs. Tomlin have two children; a son, Charles Dean Tomlin; and a daughter, Judy Lorraine Tomlin.

Leon James Tomlin is a member of Grace Methodist Church; former Secretary-Treasurer of the Hearne Lions Club; Past Director

of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Past President of the Robertson County Teachers Association; Honorary Lone Star Farmer; Past District President of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; Charter Member of the Texas Chapter of Alpha Zeta, a national agriculture society; Member of the State Board for Vocational Agriculture Instructors; and Sponsor of the National Honor Society at Hearne High School.

ODIS ARCHER HOYT, son of Wait Stephen Hoyt and Frances Archer Hoyt, was born June 15, 1922 at Houston, Texas and moved to Hearne with his parents in 1931.

He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School in 1940. After attending Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas for one year he transferred to the University of Texas at Austin where he received his degree in Pharmacy in 1944.

Upon graduating from the University of Texas he served two years in the U. S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific area.

In 1946, after completing his military service, he returned to Hearne to enter the pharmacy business.

He was married to Miss Thelma McCormick of Franklin, Texas, March 7, 1943 and he and Mrs. Hoyt have three children: Odis Archer Hoyt Jr., and two daughters, Diane Hoyt and Donna Hoyt.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Hearne Rotary Club; member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce where he serves as a director; member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; and a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge.

In addition to his business connection in the drug business he carries on an active interest in farm and ranch property with his father.

COLLIN S. MASSEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massey, was born at Franklin, Texas, May 10, 1915. In 1916, with his family he moved to Corsicana, Texas to make his home. He attended grade school in Corsicana but his teen-age years were spent at Olden and Turkey, Texas. He graduated from Turkey High School in 1933.

Upon graduation from high school he returned to Corsicana and worked in the County Clerk's office of Navarro County for four years. In 1937 he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in Corsicana and transferred to Hearne in 1941, where he has served as yardmaster-switchman.

He was married to Miss Vanita Pratt in Waco, Texas, November 30, 1939 and he and Mrs. Massey have three children: Linda Massey, Carolyn Massey, and a son, William Massey.

Collin S. Massey is a member of the Church of Christ; a member of the Hearne City Council; and is very active in youth work, especially with the Little League Baseball program.

WAYNE H. SHAW was born at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, July 23, 1908, the son of Harry Crowel Shaw and Lena Hanna Shaw. His parents were natives of Alabama.

With his parents he moved to Texas when he was a baby, the family settling in Coleman County where he completed his schooling.

In 1929 he entered the service station business at San Saba, Texas and after a few years at this location he moved to Richland Springs, Texas operating a service station there until 1936 when he returned to San Saba.

In 1939 he worked on the Texas A. & M. campus and continued this employment through 1940 at which time he again returned to San Saba to work on a highway project. He was employed at McCloskey Hospital in Temple, Texas in 1942,

He moved to Hearne December 20, 1944 and formed a partnership with M. L. T. Jackson and opened a service station. On July 29, 1946 he acquired the entire ownership and management of this business.

He was married to Miss Ethel Lois Fry of San Saba, Texas, August 19, 1931 and he and Mrs. Shaw have a son, Jon Wayne Shaw, who was born in 1941.

Wayne H. Shaw served as a member of the Hearne School Board for three years. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hearne Church of Christ where he is an active member. He is a member of the Hearne Rotary Club and serves as Secretary of this organization. He is very active in the civic and business activities of Hearne.

ROBERT EARL CORNFORTH JR., was born in Hearne, Texas, October 13, 1926, the son of Robert Earl Cornforth and Ruby Pippin Cornforth.

He attended elementary school in Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1944. During his high school days he was very active in athletics, being a member of the Hearne High School Eagles football team for four years. He played a guard position in football and was voted All-District for three consecutive years and All-Southwest in 1943.

He entered the U. S. Air Force in September 1944 during World War II and served until October 1946 when he received his discharge.

Upon being discharged from military service he entered Southwest Texas College at San Marcos, graduating in 1949. After graduation from college he returned to Hearne and entered the chicken business and later began selling life insurance. He went into the general insurance business in 1954 and served as District Manager of the Central Texas area for Commerce Life Insurance Company. In addition to his general insurance business, he has other business interests in Hearne.

He was married to Miss Mary Ann Golla of Mathis, Texas in San Marcos, Texas, August 25, 1948 and Mr. and Mrs. Cornforth have two children; a son, Robert Steven Cornforth and a daughter, Cathy Sue Cornforth.

Robert Earl Cornforth Jr. is active in the civic and business life of Hearne and is a member of Grace Methodist Church. He is a member and former Director of the Hearne Lions Club and a past Zone Chairman of the Lions International; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; Past Commander of the Hearne American Legion Post; and Past President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

GEORGE F. SMITH, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith, was born at Winters, Texas, April 3, 1912.

He attended school at Winters, graduating from high school in 1931 and was active in all high school sports. Entering McMurry College at Abilene, Texas in 1931 he lettered in football, basketball and tennis, receiving his bachelor degree at this school in 1934.

After graduating from college in 1934 he accepted a position as assistant coach at Lefors High School, a position he held until 1936 when he was made head coach for six years. In 1942 he returned to his home town of Winters, Texas as head coach and science instructor at the high school.

In 1944 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served until 1946 during World War II. Upon receiving his discharge from the Navy, he became assistant coach and physical education instructor at Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas. At this time he also began work toward his master's degree at Southwestern University and received this degree in June 1948.

In the fall of 1948 he moved to Beaverton, Oregon and taught science in a union high school for one year. On July 11, 1949 he came to Hearne, Texas and took over as head coach and science instructor at Hearne High School. He also directed the municipal recreation program for several years. In 1955 he resigned his position as head coach and accepted the position of head principal of the elementary schools in Hearne.

He was married to Miss Harriet Hunkapillar of Pampa, Texas on February 25, 1940 at Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: George Francis Smith Jr., Jo Loy Smith, and Suzi Smith.

He is a member of Grace Methodist Church; a former Director of the Hearne Rotary Club; former President of the Hearne Little League Baseball Association; and a former President of the Hearne Golfer's Association.

MANFORD E. JONES, son of Silas Truman Jones and Minnie Waller Jones, was born October 23, 1901 at Thornton, Texas.

As a youth he spent his life on a farm near Mart, Texas. He was

graduated from Marlin High School in 1919 and then entered North Texas State College and later taught school for several years, returning to college and receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree from North Texas State College in 1927. He received his Master of Arts Degree from the University of New Mexico in 1940 and later did further graduate work at the University of Texas.

Prior to moving to Hearne in September 1948 to accept the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Hearne Independent School District, he had thirteen years experience as a high school principal and coach at Bremond, Clifton, and Groesbeck. He also had thirteen years experience as superintendent at Rosebud, Whitney and Los Fresnos.

He was married to Miss Cora Lee McCall of Calvert, Texas at Durant, Oklahoma, October 10, 1930. Mrs. Jones also is an experienced teacher and school supervisor. She has a B. A. Degree from Baylor University and a M. A. Degree from Sam Houston State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have three children: Linda Ann Jones Stephens, Robert Truman Jones, and Manford Allen Jones. Their son Bobby Jones was first-string quarterback for the Baylor University Bears in 1954-55-56 and directed this football team in the Sugar Bowl game in 1957.

Manford E. Jones is an ordained deacon in the First Baptist Church and teaches the Men's Bible Class; a member of the Hearne Lions Club; and his Masonic Lodge membership is at Whitney, Texas.

He is a member of the following school associations: Texas State Teachers Association, National Teachers Association of School Administrators.

JOSEPH RUFUS TURNER JR., son of Joseph Rufus Turner and Elmira May Baxter Turner, was born November 14, 1910 at Franklin, Texas. His parents were pioneer citizens of Robertson County.

He received his schooling in Franklin and was graduated from Franklin High School in 1930. He played on the basketball team while attending Franklin High School.

After graduating from high school he assisted his parents on their farm north of Franklin until 1934.

In 1934 he worked in the office and in the field for the Robertson County Farm Agent and continued this employment until 1936 when he moved to Kermit, Texas where he operated a service station and later worked at the Kermit post office.

In 1938 he moved to Caldwell, Texas where he was with the post office department as a Star Route Mail Carrier until 1942. At

this time he went to work for the Gulf Oil Corporation at Port Arthur, Texas in the refinery, working in the machine department.

In 1944 he returned to his hometown of Franklin where he operated the wholesale agency for the Gulf Oil Corporation for Judge A. G. Scott. In 1945 he moved to Hearne and accepted a position with the Culpepper Chevrolet Agency as an accountant and remained in this position until April 5, 1948 when he went to work in a clerical position for the City of Hearne. He was later appointed City Secretary for the City of Hearne.

He was married to Miss Florine Hart of Franklin, November 25, 1934, and he and Mrs. Turner have a daughter, Cindy Lou Turner, who was born September 14, 1954. Mrs. Turner is a teacher in the Hearne public schools.

He is a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church and is also Church Treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee; a former member of the Hearne Lions Club; and a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne.

DIXON CUNY WESTON, son of Robert Dixon Weston and Phillippa Cuny Weston, was born September 9, 1879 at Sunnyside, Texas.

His early boyhood was spent in Waller County, Texas where he received his grade school and high school education. He later attended Texas A. & M. College.

In his early manhood, he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Hempstead, Texas. With his family he moved to Hearne in 1919 where he served as Yardmaster for the Southern Pacific. During his career with the railroad, his duties also took him to Mexia, Texas during the oil boom years of 1923-24. He also worked in El Paso, Dallas, Ennis and Sherman.

He was a member of the Robertson County A. & M. Club; a member of the Hempstead Masonic Lodge; and a member of the Houston Chapter Rose Croix of Scottish Rite.

He was married to Miss Margery Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Weston had three children: Robert Dixon Weston, Mary Lee Weston Powell, and Margery Weston Tomlinson. Mrs. Weston was born in Louisiana, January 18, 1881 and died March 31, 1958.

BRYAN F. RUSS, son of Frank E. Russ and Lillian Bryan Russ, was born at Brenham, Texas, November 17, 1925.

He attended grade school at Brenham but later moved to Somerville, Texas where he graduated from high school with the Class of 1941.

Entering the University of Texas in 1941 his schooling was interrupted by World War II. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served three years active duty. After being discharged from military service

he again took up his studies at the University of Texas and received a B.B.A. Degree in 1948 and an L.L.B. Degree in 1950. Prior to receiving his L.L.B. Degree he was licensed to practice law in 1949. He took his last examination for his L.L.B. Degree January 23, 1950 and opened his law office in Hearne, January 24, 1950.

He was married to Miss Betty Lunsford of Center, Texas, June 28, 1947 and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Russ: Karen Ann Russ, Ellen Rebecca Russ, and Bryan F. Russ Jr.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Russ and their family are members of the First Baptist Church where Mr. Russ teaches in the Sunday School.

He is a member of the Lee Scott Masonic Lodge at Somerville, Texas; Past President of the Hearne Lions Club; a member of the Hearne Rotary Club; a Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; Director of the Hearne Building & Loan Association; Director and Attorney for the First State Bank of Hearne; a member of the County and District Attorneys Association of Texas; and a former City Attorney for the City of Hearne.

In addition to his general practice of law in Hearne and Robertson County, Russ has served as County Attorney for Robertson County, Texas.

BURT EDWARD JOHNSON was born August 30, 1881 at Chicago, Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

When he was eight years old the family moved to Champagne, Illinois where he attended school, grew to manhood and played professional baseball until his pitching arm went bad.

In 1903 he went to work for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company and worked in various capacities and cities for eighteen years. In 1921 he left the C. & E. I. Railroad to go to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and was transferred to Hearne in 1936. On September 1, 1955 he was retired by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as a teletype operator and telegrapher.

He has three sons; R. E. Johnson, vice president and general manager of Texas-Mexican Railroad with offices in Laredo, Texas; H. E. Johnson, assistant superintendent for communications of the Cotton Belt Railroad in Tyler, Texas; and C. R. Johnson, weather observer in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On June 20, 1941 he was married to Mrs. Onita Mangum of Waco and the couple made their home in Hearne. After retirement from railroad service, he accepted a position as salesman for Allen Hardware Company of Hearne.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of Grace Methodist Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge in Illinois. Mr. and

Mrs. Johnson have one grand-daughter in Hearne, Carla Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucien L. Reed.

RALPH E. LESLIE, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Leslie, was born in Monticello, Arkansas, January 7, 1895. His early schooling was in Monticello. With his family he later moved to Corsicana, Texas where he graduated from High School.

After completing his high school education he entered business college at San Marcos, Texas completing this phase of his education just before entering military service during World War I.

He was discharged from the U. S. Army in August 1919 and then began his working career with the Humble Pipe Line Company in March 1920 at Breckenridge, Texas. He was also located at Brownwood, Cisco and Satsuma before being transferred to Hearne, September 13, 1941 as Station Foreman.

He was married to Miss Nola Milton of Houston, Texas, February 18, 1925 and two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie: Thomas M. Leslie who graduated from Hearne High School in 1942 and entered Texas A. & M. College and served with the armed forces during World War II; and Betty Jane Leslie Casey who also graduated from Hearne High School in 1947.

Mr. Leslie is a Steward in Grace Methodist Church and a former Chairman of the Board of Stewards; a former Director of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

LONNIE F. JAMES was born at Okalona, Mississippi, July 5, 1902, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James. The James family moved to Busby, Mississippi where he received his schooling.

After graduating from high school he took a business and telegraphy course at Fort Worth, Texas and went to work for Western Union Telegraph Company in 1924, working in Haskel, Anson, Fort Stockton, El Paso, Robstown, and San Marcos.

In 1926 he left the service of Western Union and went to work as a telegrapher for the railroad in McAllen, Texas and later at Alice, Texas and worked for this company until March 1927 when he went to work for the Humble Pipe Line Company. He worked for this company first at Chilton, Texas later transferring to Comyn, Childress, Whitsett, then back to Chilton and moved to Hearne September 1, 1933.

In partnership with T. A. Stewart he established the J. & S. Taxi Service in Hearne in 1943, continuing to hold his position with the Humble Pipe Line Company as telegrapher, later transferring to the Humble Products terminal service. In 1952 he opened the James Cafe on Market Street in Hearne.

He was married to Miss Lucille Baker in San Marcos, Texas, July 18, 1928 and Mr. and Mrs. James have three children: Betty

Lee James Stovall, Carole James Patton, and Lonnie F. James Jr. All of the James children graduated from Hearne High School.

Both Mr. and Mrs. James are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne.

H. BIGGS CLAPP was born at Hearne, Texas, February 12, 1910, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Clapp, early residents of Hearne. His father was one of Hearne's early day blacksmiths and owned and operated a blacksmith shop on the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets for many years.

H. Biggs Clapp attended school in Hearne and graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1928. For the following twenty years he worked at various jobs which included Clerk at the Oxford Hotel; worked for the W.P.A. during the depression years of the early thirties; worked for the State Highway Department; worked in the office of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company; and Heartfield Funeral Home as a funeral director.

In 1948 he purchased the flower shop formerly operated by E. H. Heartfield and began the operation of this business under the name of Biggs' Florist on the corner of Magnolia and Second Streets.

He was married to Miss Joy Hancock; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hancock, September 9, 1933 at Calvert, Texas. Mrs. Clapp was born and reared in the Elliott community in Robertson County. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clapp; Alvin Clapp, a graduate of Hearne High School, and a daughter, Kay Clapp.

H. Biggs Clapp is a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church, a church that his grandfather, The Reverend A. C. Biggs pastored in the early days of Hearne. He is also a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club.

NEZZIE LORD SISSON, daughter of William Jackson Lord and Nannie Louise Martin Lord, was born at Commerce, Georgia.

With her family she moved to Hearne, Texas in 1902, the family settling in the northern part of town on the Lord property. She attended the Hearne Public Schools and November 4, 1909 she was married to George Marvin Sisson of Houston. With her husband she lived in Houston and later established their home at Bay City, Texas where they lived until 1910 when they moved to Hearne.

In 1918 the Sissons moved to Yoakum, Texas making their home there until 1923. Mr. Sisson, a railroad man working for the old San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad Company, was killed in Yoakum October 1, 1923 in a railroad accident. Mrs. Sisson returned to Hearne and she was associated with her father in the operation of a grocery business until May 1926. At this time Mrs. Sisson accepted employment as a bookkeeper for the Chevrolet Company in Hearne and continued in this employment until May 7, 1927 when she opened

a ladies ready to wear store in Hearne. She also engaged in the real estate and loan business and is one of Hearne's most active business women. Mr. and Mrs. Sission had three children: Louise Sisson Whitlow, Dorris Jean Sisson, and a son George Lord Sisson. Mrs. Sisson's grandchildren of Hearne are: Jack Whitlow, Jane Whitlow, George Smith Sisson, and Mary Lou Sisson.

PENO A. PERRONE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Perrone pioneer farmers of the Brazos Valley, was born at Bryan, Texas, January 5, 1919. The family moved to Hearne in 1926 and reared their family in the Brazos Bottom.

Peno Perrone attended school in Hearne and then worked on the family farm until 1940 when he enlisted in the U. S. Marines, serving during World War II and received his discharge in 1944. He then moved to Houston where he operated a service station until he returned to Hearne in 1946 to operate a wholesale gasoline business on the corner of First and Market Streets.

He was married to Miss Sarah Cotropia of Hearne, May 12, 1945. Mrs. Perrone also attended the public schools in Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School. She received her college degree from Rice Institute in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrone have two children; Frank Anthony Perrone and Rosanne Perrone.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Perrone are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. Perrone is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Knights of Columbus.

GUY EDWARD CHANDLER, son of James Guy Chandler and Katherine Underwood Chandler, was born in Cameron, Texas, December 27, 1925.

He attended public school in Cameron and was graduated from high school in that city with the Class of 1943.

Upon graduating from high school he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and served actively as a tail gunner on B-17 bombers in the European Theater during World War II.

After being discharged from military service late in 1945 he enrolled at Texas A. & M. College, graduating with a B. S. Degree in Agronomy in 1949. Shortly after graduating from Texas A. & M. College he moved to Hearne and established the Chandler Construction Company with his father. The Chandlers consolidated with the Hearne Lumber Company in 1951 and shortly thereafter purchased the other stockholders' shares.

Guy Edward Chandler was married to Miss Dorothy Darlington of Taylor in Denton, Texas, August 25, 1948. Mrs. Chandler taught music in the Hearne public schools for two years after she and Mr. Chandler moved to Hearne in 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have two

children: Wendy Lynn Chandler who was born June 23, 1955 and James Edward Chandler who was born February 3, 1958.

Mr. Chandler has been active in the business activities of Hearne and civic organizations. He served as President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce in 1956 and continued his service to this organization as a member of the Board of Directors; a member and former Director of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the Hearne Fire Department; a member of the Cameron Masonic Lodge; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Robertson County Ex-Aggie Club; and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN RIKARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rikard, was born at Liberty, Texas, February 1, 1895.

When he was a small child the Rikard family moved to Houston County and he attended several grades in the Pearson Chapel School. He also attended summer schools and special schools.

He farmed in Houston County until he entered the U. S. Army in World War I serving from 1917 until his final discharge in 1920.

From 1920 until 1925 he taught school in Anderson and Houston Counties and also went to school himself during these years at Texas A. & M. College. Several prominent Texas state officials were pupils of his classes when he was teaching schools in East Texas.

In 1925 he moved to Hearne where he worked for the Humble Pipe Line Company until he began his employment with the City of Hearne in 1928 as an operator in the electric power plant. He was appointed Superintendent of Utilities for the City of Hearne, January 1, 1951.

While serving in the U. S. Army he was married to Miss Gladys Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Green, pioneer citizens of Hearne. The marriage was solemnized September 14, 1919. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rikard: Robert Rikard who was killed in action during World War II while serving in the U. S. Air Force in Europe; Virginia Rikard Blackmon; Mary Lee Rikard Arrington; Donald Rikard, and Dolly Ann Rikard Netka.

Benjamin Franklin Rikard is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member and past commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; and Past President of the Brazos-Colorado Water Association.

ROSTELLE CECIL CARSON was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Carson in Franklin, Texas, June 15, 1902. The Carson family moved to Hearne in 1906 and he attended the Hearne Public Schools.

After attending the Hearne schools he went to work for the American Railway Express Agency in Houston, leaving this job to go to work for a grocery firm in Dallas where he remained for two years.

He returned to Hearne in 1921 and worked for the American Railway Express Agency office until 1926. During 1926 he left this job to accept employment with the City of Hearne as an operator in the electric power plant. He remained in the employment of the City of Hearne until 1948, his years of employment with the city being in the electric power plant and electric distribution system.

When he terminated his employment with the City of Hearne in 1948 he went into business for himself as an electrical contractor and organized a sales agency for air conditioning units and other electrical appliances.

He was elected a member of the Hearne City Council in 1953 and served in this capacity for two terms, a period of four years.

He was married to Miss Ivory Freeman of Kosse, Texas in Franklin, January 29, 1926 and their married life has all been spent in Hearne. Mrs. Carson is also prominent in Hearne where she is librarian for Hearne High School, and prior to this employment she taught in several rural schools around Hearne. Mr. and Mrs. Carson have a daughter, Jo Beth who married Herbert Anders, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Anders of Hearne. The Carson's have a granddaughter, Danna Anders.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carson are affiliated with Grace Methodist Church of Hearne. Mr. Carson retired from the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department in 1954 after 26 years of service to this organization. He is a past member of the Hearne Rotary Club where he filled the classification of electrical contractor.

THE REVEREND WARREN FRANKLIN MERRITT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, was born in Scituate, Massachusetts, November 5, 1893. His father was Chief Civil Engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad. The Merritt family moved to Texas in 1899.

He attended school at Galveston and was graduated from Ball High School in that city on Friday, June 13, 1913 and there were 13 boys in the class. He then enrolled in Tufts College at Medford, Massachusetts and received his B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering in 1917. During World War I he served with the U. S. Engineers from October 1917 until August 1919. Shortly after his discharge from military duties, he went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad and during the course of the years was an engineer concentrating on construction, locations, designs, etc. Most of his years with the railroad were spent in Dallas, Temple, Cleburne, and Galveston.

Always active in his church, he resigned from the railroad October 31, 1951 to study for the ministry. The Rt. Reverend Clinton S. Quin, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas, ordained him a Deacon at Trinity Episcopal Church in Galveston, April 4, 1952. He was ordained to the Priesthood at St. Philips Episcopal Church in Hearne, Texas, July 3, 1953 by the Rt. Reverend John E. Hines, Bishop-Co-

Adjutor of the Diocese of Texas. Mr. Merritt became the Vicar of St. Philips Episcopal Church of Hearne, Texas and Epipahny Church of Calvert at the age of 58 years after 32 continuous years of service with the Santa Fe Railroad Company. He held his first service in Hearne at St. Philips Church on the second Sunday in May 1952.

He was married to Miss Mildred Hay of Salem, Massachusetts, November 27, 1917 and two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt; Lois Merritt Odell and Warren Franklin Merritt Jr.

Mr. Merritt has always been interested in school and civic affairs and served as a member of the Galveston School Board for seven years. He is a member and former Director of the Hearne Rotary Club; is a 33rd Degree Mason with all of his Masonic membership in Galveston; is Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Texas and traveled over 30,000 miles throughout Texas while serving in this office; is Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas; Past Presiding Officer of all York and Scottish Rite bodies of Galveston; Past Presiding Officer of the Galveston Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; and served on Masonic Committees of the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Texas.

HERBERT BROOKER SCOTT was born in Franklin, Texas, October 13, 1905, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Scott.

His early school years were at Bishopville, a rural community in the eastern part of Robertson County. He later attended Franklin High School.

On October 12, 1925 he moved to Hearne and began his employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company. Except for very short periods of special work, all of his years with Humble have been served in Hearne. He is station foreman for the Hearne Products Station of the Humble Pipe Line Company.

He was married to his childhood sweetheart Miss Bobbie Lloyd of Bishopville, April 28, 1926 and all of their married life has been spent in Hearne. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott; Jewel Ray Scott Hadaway, Herbert Brooker Scott Jr., and Yvonne Scott Brady. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Scott graduated from Hearne High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and Mr. Scott serves as Trustee for the Church. He is a member and Past Master of Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne and a member of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce. He also served for several terms on the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District.

DR. JACK A. LYONS, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lyons, was born June 30, 1926 at Georgetown, Texas.

He attended school in Georgetown and graduated from Georgetown High School with the Class of 1943. He then entered South-

western University and attended for one year before serving in the U. S. Navy during World War II in 1944-45. Upon his discharge from naval service, he entered the University of Texas College of Dentistry in Houston, Texas and received his degree in 1949. He again entered the U. S. Navy, serving as Dental Officer to the First Marine Air Wing. He was released from active duty in 1952 and moved to Hearne to set up his dental practice.

He was married to Miss Dorlyne Littleton in Houston, January 21, 1950 and they have two daughters; Patricia Lyons and Elizabeth Lyons.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Lyons are members of Grace Methodist Church. Dr. Lyons is a member and Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the American Legion; member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge with his 32nd Degree Masonic membership being at Austin; Past President of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a member and Past President of the Brazos Valley District Dental Society.

WILLIAM EDWARD "Dude" CROWDER was born at New Baden, Texas, May 5, 1920, the son of Frank Allen Crowder and Ora Winn Crowder.

He attended the public schools in Franklin for two years and the family moved to Hearne where he was graduated from Hearne High School in 1938. He was a member of the Hearne High School Band for five years. After graduating from high school he went to work for the A. & P. Grocery in Hearne and worked at this position for two years, leaving this employment to go to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad as a clerk in the Inglewood Yards in Houston, Texas.

He entered the U. S. Navy during World War II but resigned after serving nine months to enlist in the U. S. Army. While in the army he attended Southwestern State College at Alva, Oklahoma, and also attended the University of Georgia. Upon his discharge from the Army in 1945, he returned to Houston and worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad for six months. He came back to Hearne in 1946 to purchase the Aztec Cafe with his sister Mrs. Lucille Crowder Nale and they operated the cafe for three years. After selling this business in 1949, he opened Dude's Drive In which he ran for one year. He spent the years of 1951 and 1952 working at the Brazos Auto Sales in Hearne. In 1953 he and his sister, Mrs. Nale, re-purchased, renovated, and re-named the Aztec Cafe to the Dixie Cafe.

He was married to Miss Elsa Rae Shaw of Hearne in Houston, Texas, January 18, 1947. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crowder: Ruby Lynn Crowder and William Edward Crowder Jr.

He is a charter member of the Hearne Lions Club; an active member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department; and a member of the Miles Scriviner Post of the American Legion.

DR. RAY CRUSE, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Cruse, was born at Houston, Texas, May 4, 1920.

He attended the Houston schools, graduating from San Jacinto High School with the Class of 1937. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Texas in Austin and later the University of Texas Medical College at Galveston, graduating in 1947. His internship and surgery residence was at Hermann Hospital at Houston, after which he entered private surgery practice in Houston for one year.

In 1952 he entered the U. S. Army and served two years in the Far East. After being released from the Army in 1954, he again entered private practice in Houston, remaining there until he moved to Hearne as surgeon at the Hearne General Hospital in November 1955.

He was married to Miss Pat Morrison of Portland, Oregon in Houston, Texas, February 10, 1945. Dr. and Mrs. Cruse have two children: Caren Cruse and Bobby Cruse.

The Cruses are Communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church where Dr. Cruse has served as a member of the Vestry and also Secretary of the Vestry. He is a member of the Brazos-Robertson Medical Society; a member of the Texas Medical Association; a member of the American Medical Association; the AKK Medical Fraternity; member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and the Hearne Rotary Club.

OBIE WELDON KIRK, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kirk, was born at Gause, Texas, April 3, 1911.

He attended school at Gause and later transferred to Hearne High School where he attended during 1929 and 1930. He played left tackle on the Hearne Eagle football team in 1929. He returned to Gause where he was graduated in 1932.

He attended Texas A. & M. College, Sam Houston State College, Southwest State College, and John Tarleton Junior College. He worked while attending all of these schools and he said that it wasn't unusual for him to exist on \$9 a month during his college days.

He taught school at Gause, Camp Creek, and Wortham for seven years before going to work for the post office in Hearne. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and returned to his position with the post office department after being discharged from the navy.

He was married to Miss Katie Gladys Jones of Gause, September 21, 1930, and five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk: Juanita Kirk Taylor, Wanda Jean Kirk, Gladys June Kirk, Obie Weldon Kirk Jr., and Donna Kay Kirk.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are members of the Hearne Church of Christ. Mr. Kirk is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge and his 32nd Degree Masonic membership is in Austin. He is a char-

ter member of the Hearne Lions Club and a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post.

JOHN W. NIGLIAZZO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Nigliazzo, was born in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne, December 4, 1917 and has spent his entire lifetime as a planter and cattle raiser in this area.

He attended the Hearne public schools and graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1935. Immediately upon graduating from high school he began his farming and ranching career in the Brazos Bottom where he became one of the larger operators and land owners.

He was married to Miss Janie Cortemelia of Hearne in Bryan, Texas, January 9, 1938 and Mr. and Mrs. Nigliazzo have two children: a daughter, Giovanna Nigliazzo and a son, John W. Nigliazzo Jr.

During his entire lifetime he has been prominently identified with the farming and ranching activities of the Hearne and Brazos Bottom area. He is a Director of the Wood Switch Gin Company; a Director of the Brazos Valley Dehydrating Company; a Director of the Brazos Valley Development Corporation; a member and Secretary of the Hearne Independent School Board; President of the Robertson County Agricultural Foundation; and a Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce where he is Chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

FRED E. TIDEMANN, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tidemann, was born November 24, 1912 in Fort Worth, Texas.

He received his grade school education in Galveston and graduated from Terrill School in Dallas in 1930. He received his college education from Oklahoma University from which he graduated and received his B.S. Degree in 1937. After completing his college work, he went to work for the Humble Oil & Refining Company in Baytown, Texas, working in the industrial relations department.

In 1943 he entered the U. S. Army to serve during World War II and received his discharge from military service in 1946. He moved to Hearne in 1946 after forming a corporation to purchase and operate the large Goodland Farms in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne. He is majority stockholder and manager of the Goodland Farms.

He was married to Miss Mildred McCollum of Pawnee, Oklahoma, February 20, 1939 and he and Mrs. Tidemann have two children: Robert Tidemann and Katherine Tidemann.

He is a member and President of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District; a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club; Secretary and Director of the Old Cotton Belt Association; and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Tidemann and their family are communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church where he has served as a member of the Vestry and also served as Senior Warden. Mrs. Tidemann is active

in the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Philips Church and has served as President of this religious organization.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Tidemann take an active interest in the welfare of the children in the Hearne schools.

JACK L. MARIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Maris, was born in the Grant Prairie community of Robertson County, Texas, May 4, 1921.

He attended school at Grant Prairie before transferring to Franklin High School from which he graduated in 1938. Upon graduation from high school, he went to work for the Triple A Farm Program in Franklin, working with this organization until he entered the U. S. Army in 1942. After receiving his discharge from military service during World War II he returned to Franklin in 1945 and accepted a position as a deputy tax collector of Robertson County. He worked at this position for eight months and then he entered Sam Houston State College at Huntsville, Texas. He received his B. S. Degree from this school in 1949.

Upon receiving his college degree he returned to Franklin and accepted a position as assistant to the County School Superintendent and remained in that position until September 1, 1956 when he accepted employment with the Hearne Independent School District as Tax Assessor-Collector and Business Manager. He received his Masters Degree in Education in 1956 from Sam Houston State College.

He was married to Miss Janelle Petty of the Henry Prairie community of Robertson County, June 27, 1947. Mr. and Mrs. Maris have two children: Mike Maris and Marsha Maris. All of the members of the Maris family are members of the First Baptist Church where Mr. Maris serves as a member of the Board of Deacons. He is a member and Past Master of the Patrick Masonic Lodge No. 359 of Franklin.

OLEN WILLIAM COUCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Couch, was born in Frost, Texas, October 7, 1912. The Couch family moved to Fort Worth, Texas in 1924 and Olen Couch received the majority of his schooling in that city. He was graduated from North Side High School in Fort Worth with the Class of 1931 and then entered Arlington State College.

After his college days, he went to work for the Southwest Greyhound Bus Lines as ticket agent and worked for this company in major terminals throughout the state until he came to Hearne to make his home. He established the Couch Cafe and Bus Station in 1942 in Hearne. In addition to his business interests, he owns and operates a stock farm south of Hearne where he raises most of the meats used in his cafe.

He was married to Miss Irene Mahan in Hearne, October 27,

1944. Mr. and Mrs. Couch have five children: Dorothy Couch, Carolyn Couch, Gale Couch, Linda Couch, and Nelda Couch.

He is a member of the Grace Methodist Church and a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District.

BUSTER E. GEAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gean, was born in Sheridan, Arkansas, July 9, 1907.

He attended and was graduated from high school in that city and later attended Henderson State Teachers College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas graduating in 1935. While attending college he taught mathematics and science and also taught for two years after completing his college work.

He went to work for Magnolia Petroleum Company in Louann, Arkansas in 1937 and moved to Hearne, March 17, 1948 to continue his employment with that company.

He was married to Miss Mildred Walker in Chidester, Arkansas, June 3, 1934 and a daughter, Kay Gean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gean. Mrs. Gean is a teacher in the Hearne Public Schools. Kay Gean graduated from Hearne High School where she was valedictorian of the 1957 class. In receiving this honor she followed in the footsteps of her parents who were also valedictorians of their high school classes and also their college classes.

The Geans are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and Mr. Gean holds membership in the Masonic Lodge of Chidester, Arkansas.

DR. HENRY CALVIN GUYNES, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Guynes, was born at Elliott, Texas, July 27, 1917, the seventh child of a seventh child.

When he was six years old in 1923 the family moved to Hearne and he attended the Hearne elementary school. He entered Hearne High School in 1931 and graduated with the Class of 1935. His freshman year in college was spent at the University of Texas. He then transferred to the University of North Carolina and after two years entered the North Carolina Medical School where he received a B. S. Degree in Medicine in 1939. He completed his medical training there in 1940 and transferred to Tulane University where he received his M. D. June 3, 1942.

His internship was at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. He then enlisted in the U. S. Army Medical Corps and served during World War II until 1946 when he was released from active military duty. He then entered a general residency at John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital at Thomasville, Georgia for four months. In January 1947 he began practicing medicine at Mathis, Texas and during this same year he moved to Hearne and joined Dr. Elvin M. Boyd in the operation of the Hearne Clinic Hospital. These two doctors later built the Hearne General Hospital.

On November 18, 1942, Dr. Henry Calvin Guynes was married to Miss Jessie Mae Curry in Woodville, Mississippi. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Guynes: Nancy Gene Guynes, Marvin Curry Guynes, and Catherine Calvina Guynes.

Dr. Guynes, a member of the American Legion and Army reserve, is a respected anesthesia specialist in this section of the state.

He has served as a member and as Secretary of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District and was the 'adopted' doctor to the Hearne Eagle athletic teams for a number of years. During his high school days he was captain of the Hearne Eagles Football Team in 1934. He is a former member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and the Hearne Rotary Club. Dr. Guynes and his family are member of the Baptist Church.

TOMMY E. REYNOLDS, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Reynolds, was born in Wheelock, Texas, February 9, 1902.

He attended school at Wheelock and Hearne and after his school days he farmed for two years before going to work for the Humble Pipe Line Company in 1920.

He was married to Miss Zelma Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Bush of Mumford, Texas, May 5, 1924. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reynoldss: Dorothy Jean Reynolds Robertson, Betty Ruth Reynolds Youngblood, and Tommy E. Reynolds Jr. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are graduates of Hearne High School.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church and for many years was active in Boy Scout work in this area. He formerly served on the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District.

J. HOWARD FOX, son of J. S. Fox and Frances West Fox, was born March 7, 1907 in Granger, Texas. His parents were pioneer citizens of the Granger area.

After attending the Granger public schools from 1913 he was graduated from Granger High School with the Class of 1924. In the fall of 1924 he entered Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas. He was graduated from this university with the Class of 1928 with a B. A. Degree.

Upon the completion of his college education he was employed by the South Texas Cotton Oil Company and worked at the office of that company in Corpus Christi, Texas as a weigher. In December 1929 he was transfered to the Hearne office of that company as cashier and assistant manager.

In 1943 he became Manager of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company at Hearne and continues his duties with this firm along with his farming and ranching business. He has been quite active in the business and civic activities of Hearne and the state as is evidenced by the following positions and offices that he has been connected with:

Member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity; Member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church; served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards for eight years; served as Lay Reader and Associate Lay Reader of the Bryan District for ten years; member of the Hearne Rotary Club; served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Hearne Chamber of Commerce for fourteen years; a member of the Hearne City Council for four years, 1943-1947; served six years as a Director of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association; Vice President and President of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association; appointed in 1947 for a six year term as a member of the Brazos River Authority by Governor Beauford Jester and in 1953 re-appointed for another six year term on this board by Governor Allan Shivers and is now serving as a member of the Executive Board of the Brazos River Authority as Vice President.

He is also a Director of the First State Bank of Hearne; a member of the Calvert Country Club; a member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; a member of the National Cottonseed Products Association; a member of the Texas Ginners Association; a member of the Texas Water Conservation Association; and a member of the National Reclamation Association and the Texas Farm Bureau.

In 1934 he was married to Miss Mary Schmoyer of Waco, Texas. Mrs. Fox taught in the Hearne public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have three daughters; Helen Fox, Betty Fox, and Susan Fox.

EDWARD HARRY HEARTFIELD, son of Harry Edward Heartfield and Emma Wade Heartfield, was born in Brenham, Texas, October 11, 1902.

When he was a small boy, the Heartfield family moved to Belton, Texas. He attended the rural school at Tennessee Valley and also cut lumber in the Cedar brakes for 50c per day. He later attended the Belton Public Schools and was graduated from Belton High School.

In 1922 he was employed as store manager for the Duke & Ayres Company at Belton. Later he was also store manager for Perry Brothers stores and served in this capacity in stores at Belton, Gonzales, Bryan, Gilmer, Longview, Winnsboro, and Hillsboro.

He was married to Miss Margie Rector, daughter of Lee Ludwell Rector and Cora Moore Rector, at Belton, Texas, December 28, 1923. Mrs. Heartfield was born and reared in Bastrop, Texas and went to high school in Bastrop and Belton where she was graduated from high school. She later attended Baylor College in Belton.

Edward Harry Heartfield was first associated in the funeral directing business in Winnsboro, Texas where he was employed by the Perry Brothers Funeral Home. He later moved to Galveston, Texas and was connected with the J. Levy & Brothers Funeral Home. On June 2, 1934 he received his State Embalmers license.

He and Mrs. Heartfield moved to Hearne, June 15, 1935 and es-

tablished the Heartfield Funeral Home on the corner of Second and Magnolia Streets.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heartfield are active members of Grace Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Stewards. He is a past member of the Hearne Rotary Club and served several years as Club secretary. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Heartfield do not have any children but they have endeared themselves to the children of this area by their many acts of friendliness and kindness.

THEODORE RICKENBACHER was born August 22, 1912 in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Theodore Frederick Rickenbacher and Mabel Brintall Rickenbacher.

He attended the public schools of Topeka, Kansas and was graduated from Topeka High School. Upon his graduation from high school, he attended Washburn College at Topeka for two years and then transferred to the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas where he was graduated with a B. S. Degree in Business Administration. At the University of Kansas he was a member of the Beta Theta fraternity.

He was married to Miss Lucienne Hudson, daughter of Ben S. Hudson and Verna Russell Hudson of Fredonia, Kansas, August 18, 1935; the wedding taking place in Westmoreland, Kansas. Mrs. Rickenbacher's father, Ben S. Hudson, was a pioneer Kansas newspaper editor and publisher for many years before his passing early in 1958. Mrs. Rickenbacher graduated from Fredonia, Kansas High School and also attended Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas.

In 1940, Mr. and Mrs. Rickenbacher and their two sons, Ted Rickenbacher III and Stephen Jon Rickenbacher, moved to Hearne, Texas to make their home, Mr. Rickenbacher purchasing the Hearne Democrat which he continues to own and operate. Another son, William Hudson Rickenbacher, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rickenbacher in Hearne.

During World War II, Mr. Rickenbacher served three years and nine months in the United States Navy with his overseas duty being in the Pacific area. He held the rank of Lieutenant.

Upon his discharge from duty with the U. S. Navy after World War II, he returned to Hearne to continue the publishing of the Hearne Democrat and the operation of The Hearne Printing Company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rickenbacher are very active in the business and civic activities of Hearne. He is a Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club; Past President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Charter member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a member of the Hearne Housing

Authority; and a member of Sigma Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

JOE D. WILSON, son of Jessie S. Wilson and Edna Dotson Wilson, was born in Hearne, June 3, 1919.

He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School in 1936. Upon graduation from high school he was employed by Duffey Drug Company until 1938 when he continued his connection with R. M. Duffey in the electric appliance business. This employment continued until 1940 when he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force where he served as Captain for five years, his overseas duty being in the Pacific area during World War II.

On November 5, 1942 he was married to Miss Sue Willis, daughter of Hubert Willis and Sebie Grant Willis of Franklin, Texas. His marriage took place in Midland, Texas while he was serving in the U. S. Air Force.

Upon being discharged from military service, he entered the University of Texas where he was graduated in 1948 with a B. S. Degree in Pharmacy. After graduating, he accepted a position as pharmacist with the Sterling Drug Store of Port Lavaca, Texas. In 1949 he was a salesman for the Abbott Laboratories selling drug and pharmacy supplies.

In 1953 he formed a partnership with Leon Wilson in the Prescription Pharmacy located in the Hearne Hospital on Third Street. Later in 1953 this partnership purchased the Maris-Carson Drug Store in Hearne. After the Hearne General Hospital was constructed in 1955, the Prescription Pharmacy was moved to the new hospital.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Sara Sue, Peggy Jo, and Cathy. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Hearne Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

ANTHONY MIKE LAMPSON, son of Mike Lampson and Minnie Todardo Lampson, was born in Brazos County, Texas, December 27, 1912. His father was born in Salemi, Sicily and his mother was born in Louisiana.

He attended grade school in Bryan, Texas and when the family moved to Hearne in the Brazos Bottom in 1925 he attended the Hearne Public Schools graduating from Hearne High School with the Class of 1931. During his high school days, he was a first string left end on the Hearne Eagles football team.

Upon completing high school, he became a cotton farmer in the Brazos Bottom. He was married to Miss Mary Stella Trentacost, daughter of Pete Trentacost and Frances Antone Trentacost, October 9, 1933 at Dallas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lampson have a daughter, Minnie Marie Lampson Scarmardo.

Mr. Lampson is engaged in extensive cotton raising in the Brazos

Bottom and is a Director and Stockholder in the Westbrook Valley Gin Company; a Stockholder in the Calvert Co-op Gin; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lampson are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he is a member of St. Mary's Church Men's Club.

CARL MAINER COCHRAN, son of W. M. Cochran and Emily Ann Burgess Cochran, was born October 28, 1901 in Mexia, Texas.

He was graduated from Waco High School in 1919 and later attended the University of Virginia and Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas.

Upon finishing his college work he was employed for two years as Sales Promotion Manager for the Waco Sash & Door Company. The next ten years he was a professional musician and later served as Band Director for the Marlin High School Band.

In 1943 he moved to Hearne where on June 1 of that year he became managing partner of Hamilton Dry Goods Company. In 1950 he became the owner of Hamilton Dry Goods Company.

He was married to Miss Carmen Ercelle Hamilton, daughter of John Thomas Hamilton and Ihna Bell Adams Hamilton, November 10, 1934.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church; a member and Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

CLAUDE PENDLETON HENRY, son of James Sidney Henry and Annie Clara LeFevre Henry, was born in Tabor, Texas, November 13, 1892.

He attended school in the Alexander community in Brazos County and later attended Tyler Commercial College in Tyler, Texas.

In 1916 he moved to Hearne where he was employed as a bookkeeper with the J. E. Mooney Grocery Store. He continued this employment until 1918 when he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served until the later part of 1919 during World War I. Most of his military service was overseas duty in France and Germany.

After his discharge from military service he returned to Hearne and late enrolled in Tyler Commercial College. In 1920 he was employed as bookkeeper for the J. W. Sanders Automobile Agency. During 1922 he formed a partnership with his brothers Roy Henry and J. Warren Henry and entered the confectionery business on Fourth Street in Hearne. When this partnership was dissolved in 1924 he was employed in the ticket office of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Hearne and continued this employment until 1932 when he accepted the position of sales manager for the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Hearne and Cameron. In 1941 he became the manager and a stockholder in the Hearne Lumber Company. He retired from

the lumber business in 1956 and established a real estate business in Hearne.

He was married to Miss Lelia Craig, daughter of Samuel C. Craig and Annie Perry Craig, November 11, 1923. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry: Claude Pendleton Henry Jr., Robert Sidney Henry, William Samuel Henry, Sally Ruth Henry Johns, and Lelia Henry Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Henry and their children are all members of the Methodist Church where Mr. Henry has served on the Board of Stewards.

Claude P. Henry served for three terms on the Hearne City Council and was also Mayor Protem during his years of service as a councilman. He is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; the American Legion; and the Hearne Masonic Lodge.

DEMETRE GEORGE PALMOS, son of George B. Palmos and Bobbie Greer Palmos, was born in Hearne, Texas, January 6, 1920.

He attended the Hearne grade schools and Hearne High School where he was graduated with the Class of 1937. During his high school days, he was one of the most outstanding football players to ever represent the Hearne High School Eagles and he holds the all-time Hearne High School scoring record in football having scored 252 points in one season.

After completing his high school career, he enrolled in Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Texas where he played football. He later attended Baylor University in Waco.

He entered the U. S. Navy and on December 7, 1941 he was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck. He served for over four years in the U. S. Navy during World War II and received his discharge in 1945.

He returned to Hearne after attending college and was employed as a bookkeeper for the Farrar Lumber Company. Later he established a freight truck agency in Hearne for the Central Freight Lines of Waco.

After his discharge from military duties he formed a partnership and established the Super Sales Store on Market Street and in 1957 relocated this business in the downtown area on Magnolia Street.

He was married to Miss Nadine Dodson, daughter of John B. Dodson and Jessie Story Dodson of Cameron, Texas, January 5, 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Palmos have four children: Carolyn Jean Palmos, Tommy Demetre Palmos, Marilyn Sue Palmos, and Jimmie Demetre Palmos.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmos are members of the Grace Methodist Church of Hearne. He is a member and past president of the Hearne Lions Club and has a perfect attendance record; a member and past commander of the American Legion; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department.

HUBERT BYRON PRIESTLY, son of Samuel Byron Priestly and Maggie Lattimore Priestly, was born in Jacksonville, Texas, February 8, 1901.

After graduating from high school in Jacksonville he entered business college to complete his education.

He was married to Miss Annie Belle Jennings, daughter of Edward H. Jennings and Cora Jennings, in Jacksonville, Texas, September 3, 1922. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Priestly: Edward Priestly, Dorothy Jane Priestly, and Averil Jean Priestly.

In 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Priestly and their family moved to Hearne where he assumed the managership of the Farrar Lumber Company and served in this capacity until 1955 when he purchased the lumber company and established the Priestly Lumber Company on Market Street. His son, Edward B. Priestly, became actively associated in this business in 1957.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Priestly are active members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Priestly has been a member of the Hearne Rotary Club since 1936. He is Past President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and Past President and Secretary of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District.

WILLIAM HENRY PARSONS was born in Rockwall, Texas, December 6, 1901, the son of Thomas Edward Parsons and Addie White Parsons.

He attended school in Greenville, Texas and Granger, Texas. Upon completing his high school education in 1917 he was employed by the American Railway Express Agency at Granger until 1925. During 1925 he accepted employment with the General American Transportation Corporation and worked for this company in Wichita Falls, Longview, and Fort Worth.

In 1949 he was designated by his company to select a site for a new company plant and after looking over several locations he finally selected Hearne. Upon the completion of this new plant in Hearne he became the superintendent in charge of the entire Hearne plant.

He was married to Myrel Bradley Ferguson at Longview, Texas, May 5, 1940. Mrs. Parsons is the daughter of Arthur Ferguson and Clara Wilson Ferguson. Mr. Parsons has a son, William Edward Parsons and a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth Parsons Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are members of the Methodist Church. He is a member and past director of the Hearne Rotary Club; a former member of the Fort Worth Lions Club; a member and former president of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a past vice president of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fort Worth.

Through his personal efforts and work, vast improvements were

made to the Municipal Golf Course during the time he served this organization as President. It was also through his decision that the General American Transportation Corporation plant was located and built at Hearne.

JAMES LEON WILSON, son of T. Lynn Wilson and Jessie Kent Wilson, was born March 3, 1926 in Madisonville, Texas.

He attended public school in Madisonville and was graduated from high school in that city with the Class of 1943.

Upon completing his high school education he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in the European area during World War II. After being discharged from military service, he enrolled at the University of Texas and was graduated in 1949 with a degree in Pharmacy. At the University of Texas he was a member of Rho Chi Honorary Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

He moved to Hearne in 1949 and operated the Prescription Pharmacy at the Hearne Hospital located on Third Street and owned by Drs. Boyd and Guynes. In 1953 in partnership with Joe D. Wilson he purchased the Prescription Pharmacy and later the same year this partnership purchased the Maris-Carson Drug Company. In 1955 when the Hearne General Hospital was constructed, the Prescription Pharmacy was moved to this new location also.

He was married in Houston to Miss Mary Batson, daughter of Luther J. Batson and Mary Bledsoe Batson of Madisonville, Texas, September 16, 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three children: Joe Wilson, John Wilson, and Jane Wilson.

He has been active in the business and civic life of Hearne and is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hearne City Council where he also serves as Mayor Protem; and a member of the Miles Scriviner Post of the American Legion. He was very active in organizing and constructing the Hearne Public Library.

LYMAN WESLEY PERKINS was born March 22, 1898 in McKinney, Texas, the son of Wesley Browning Perkins and Martha Carolina Lucinda Mooney Perkins.

He attended school in McKinney and was graduated from high school in that city in 1916. After his high school education was completed, he attended the University of Texas. In 1918 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in France during World War I. He returned to McKinney after his discharge from military service and became a cotton and wheat farmer. He also operated a real estate business with his brother James Perkins at McKinney.

In 1920 he farmed in Deaf Smith County and continued in this location until 1923 when he accepted employment with the List-Gifford Gravel & Sand Company and worked at Hutchins, Texas. In 1927 he moved to Calvert, Texas where he organized the Perkins Sand & Gravel Company at Calvert and Bufkin in Robertson County.

He moved to Hearne in 1930 where he established the Hearne Sand & Gravel Company. This company was purchased by the Texas Sand & Gravel Company in 1933 and in later years was purchased by the Gifford-Hill Company.

In 1936 in partnership with A. E. Malone, he established the Western Auto Associate Store on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets in Hearne.

He was married to Miss Faye Belle Talkington, daughter of Lon Talkington and Laura Graves Talkington of McKinney, Texas, July 2, 1919. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins: Daniel T. Perkins and James R. Perkins.

Lyman W. Perkins became a member of the McKinney Masonic Lodge at the age of twenty one years. He is a member of the Hearne Lions Club; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars; and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

ALFRED PRICE GARRETT, son of Dr. William Marion Garrett and Mary Reading Garrett, was born February 23, 1914 in Crandall, Kaufman County, Texas.

He moved to Edna, Texas with his parents in 1918 and attended the public schools in that city, graduating from Edna High School with the Class of 1931. After finishing high school he attended Victoria Junior College at Victoria, Texas. Later he was employed at a theater in Edna and also was employed by an oil pipe line company.

In 1933 he was employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and worked for this company in Houston, Beaumont, Silsbee, and Huntsville in the East Texas District. He was transferred to Hearne in 1936 and worked until 1942 when he enlisted in the U. S. Army to serve during World War II in the Southwest Pacific area. He was discharged from military service February 5, 1945 and returned to Hearne to continue his employment with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. He terminated his employment with the telephone company August 25, 1947 and established Garrett Studio & Camera Shop on Fourth Street in Hearne.

He was married in Hearne to Miss Jimmie Lee Mason, daughter of Charles Mason and Polly West Mason of Rockdale, Texas, October 29, 1939. Mrs. Garrett was born in Rockdale and attended public schools in that city, graduating from Rockdale High School with the Class of 1931. She was employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for several years in Hearne. She was associated with Mr. Garrett in the Garrett Studio & Camera Shop from 1947 through 1957.

Mr. Garrett was active in the business life of Hearne and was a former member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department.

Early in 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett sold their studio and moved to Louisiana to make their home.

CHARLES DeSTEFANO was born in Palermo, Italy, February 14, 1893, the son of Sam DeStefano and Mary Truzzelena DeStefano.

With his parents he came to America in 1895 to make his home in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1903, when he was ten years old, his family moved to Texas and settled in the Hearne Brazos Bottom where his father engaged in cotton farming.

He was married to Miss Lena Ventechola, November 28, 1914 and three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Destefano: Sam DeStefano, Anthony DeStefano, and Mary DeStefano.

He has been a progressive cotton farmer in the Brazos Bottom since his early manhood and has been active in the civic and political activities of his community; serving as County Commissioner in Brazos County. The DeStefano's are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Mr. DeStefano is a member of St. Mary's Church Men's Club and has served as president of this organization.

A former Constable of Precinct No. 3 in Brazos County, he is also a member and past director of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member and director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce where he served as chairman of the Agriculture Committee; Vice President and Director of the Central Texas Water Conservation Association; Chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce; and President of the Robertson County Farm Bureau for 18 years.

In 1934 Mr. and Mrs. DeStefano moved into Hearne to make their home but he continues his farm activities in the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

LEO LUKE ROFFINO was born in the Brazos Bottom, July 26, 1915, the son of Anthony Roffino and Johanna Cotropia Roffino. Both of his parents were born in Sicily, his father coming to America in 1882 at the age of 17 and his mother coming to America in 1884 at the age of 12.

He spent his early boyhood days working on his father's cotton farm and attended grade school in Mumford. In 1928 he began his studies at Hearne High School and was graduated with the Class of 1932.

He was married to Miss Rosa Lee Ferrara, daughter of Charles Ferrara and Charlotte Trentacost Ferrara, May 28, 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Roffino have a daughter, Mary Jane Roffino.

Leo Luke Roffino established the Monarch Grocery in Hearne in 1939 and he has become one of Hearne's leading retail merchants.

He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a member of St. Mary's Men's Club, a member of the Hearne Lions Club, a member of the Woodmen of the World, a member of the United Commercial Travelers, and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and a past director of this organization.

In addition to his grocery and market business in Hearne, he continues to operate a cotton farming business in the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

JAKE ABRAMS was born in Bremond, Texas, August 16, 1902, the son of Frank Abrams and Celia Bibergall Abrams. His father was a native of Russia, having been born in that country in 1868; his mother was born in 1880 in San Francisco, California. During the 1890's his father came to America and was an itinerant merchant, traveling over a large territory on foot, selling his goods, wares and merchandise.

In Bremond, his father owned and operated a hotel during the booming railroad days in that town, but later, in 1908, the family moved to Caldwell where his father continued in the hotel business. The family later moved to Mart, Texas where his father was also in the hotel business.

He attended public school in Mart and was graduated from high school in that town in 1920 and then entered Texas A. & M. College.

After college days, he was employed by the International & Great Northern Railroad Company at Mart, Houston, and Fort Worth.

In 1925 he moved to Hearne and in partnership with his brother Meyer Abrams, he established The Famous Dry Goods Company. In 1927 he sold his interest in this business to his brother and established a retail dry goods store for himself at Stamford, Cameron, and Georgetown. He returned to Hearne January 1, 1940 and opened the Jake Abrams Dry Goods Company on Magnolia Street, and later purchased the Famous Dry Goods Company from his brother. This business was operated in connection with his main store for several years.

He was married at Waco, Texas to Miss Rose Goldberg, daughter of Ben Goldberg and Sonia Roddy Goldberg of Temple, Texas, October 20, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Abrams have a daughter, Carolyn Abrams; she was married to Stanley C. Simon of Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Simon have two sons; Mark Phillip Simon and John Mathew Simon, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Abrams.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Abrams are affiliated with the Jewish Temple in Waco. Mr. Abrams is very active in the business and civic life of Hearne, being a member and Past Director of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member and former President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; and a member of the Hearne Housing Authority.

BONNIE WOODYARD was born April 11, 1901 six miles north of Bryan, Texas at Campbell's Ranch in Brazos County. His father was Jim Woodyard, a native of Italy and his mother was Lucille Covernaro Woodyard.

He attended school at the Alexander Rural School in Brazos

County. In 1929 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom where he acquired a large cotton farm and engaged extensively in cotton raising and the cattle business. He continued his farming and ranching business in the Brazos Bottom until 1944 when he moved to Hearne and established the Hearne Electric & Appliance Company on the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets.

On November 22, 1924 he was married at the Campbell's Ranch home to Miss Lena Cash, daughter of Lee Cash and Vance Cuttitta Cash prominent Brazos Bottom pioneers.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodyard are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and was very active in the business and civic activities of Hearne. Bonnie Woodyard died May 20, 1958.

HOLLAND SOWMA was born in Bremond, Texas, October 2, 1917, the son of Albert Sowma and Nora Abraham Sowma. His father was born in Lebanon and came to the United States in early boyhood.

He attended public schools in Bremond and was graduated from high school in that city with the Class of 1935 and then entered Baylor University in Waco.

Later he was associated with his father in the retail dry goods business in Bremond.

He moved to Hearne in June 1940 and established the Main Hotel & Cafe on the corner of Fourth and Market Streets.

On January 7, 1939 he was married to Miss Norene Stellbauer, daughter of Robert Herman Stellbauer and Beulah Lee Hall Stellbauer of Bremond, Texas. Mrs. Sowma also attended Bremond High School and graduated in 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Sowma have two children: Jerry Sowma and Judy Sowma.

He is active in the business and civic life of Hearne and is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

JAMES FRANKLIN NALE, son of James N. Nale and Betty Jones Nale, was born March 23, 1905 in Bedias, Grimes County, Texas.

In 1907 the family moved to New Baden in Robertson County where he attended school and grew into young manhood. His father was born in Alabama and his mother was born in Jacksonville, Texas.

In 1929 he moved to Hearne where he was employed by the Pacific Fruit Express Company. In 1930 he was employed by the Gulf Oil Corporation agent in Hearne and continued this employment until 1942 when he accepted employment with the Creamer Bus Lines and later was with the Arrow Bus Lines. He purchased a service station on the corner of Market and Third Streets in Hearne in 1945.

He was married to Miss Lucille Crowder, daughter of Frank Allen Crowder and Ora Winn Crowder, October 13, 1926 at Franklin,

Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Nale have a daughter, Louise Nale who married Dr. Roy Parker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Nale are members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Nale is a member of the Hearne Lions Club, the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department where he served as Fire Chief for over twenty years.

Mrs. Nale is active in Hearne business circles and is a partner in the ownership of the Dixie Cafe with her brother W. E. Crowder.

ARTHUR EDWARD MALONE was born August 29, 1902 at Mansfield, Tarrant County, Texas, the son of James Monroe Malone and Hattie Hathway Malone. Both of his parents were pioneer citizens of DeKalb County, Tennessee.

He was graduated from Celina High School in Collin County, Texas in 1918 and later attended Brantley-Draughon Business College in Fort Worth.

Upon completing his education, he was employed by the Burton-Peel Dry Goods Company in Fort Worth for one year. He then moved to Celina, Texas where he entered the dry goods business for himself. In 1934 he owned and operated an independent brokerage business handling packing house products.

He moved to Hearne in 1936 and in partnership with L. W. Perkins, the Western Auto Associate Store was opened on the corner of Magnolia and Third Streets, August 29, 1936. He sold his interest in this business in 1946 and established a retail feed store business on Third Street which he operated until 1947. In July 1947 in partnership with Charles E. Blake, the insurance and real estate firm of Blake & Malone was established.

He was married to Miss Hazel Irene Talkington, daughter of Lon Talkington and Laura Graves Talkington, April 20, 1926. Mrs. Malone's home was in McKinney, Texas.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne where he served as Church Treasurer for a number of years; a former member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Hearne Rotary Club.

J. T. WHITE, son of John Harvey White and Jane Stewart White, was born in Calvert, Texas, October 4, 1899. His father was born April 12, 1864 and his mother was born February 11, 1870. His mother and father were both born in Milano, Texas.

He attended school at Gause, Cameron, and Caldwell. During World War I, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served overseas for eighteen months and was on duty in the U. S. for one year, serving with the 20th Field Artillery 5th Division.

After completing his military service he began a ranching career, his ranch lands being located six miles east of Hearne.

He was married to Miss Emma Kate Rhodes, daughter of Robert Johnson Rhodes and Erma Wakefield Rhodes of Midway, Texas, July 19, 1925. Mrs. White was born July 22, 1906. Her father was born June 13, 1876 and her mother's birth date was July 4, 1879. Mrs. white attended public school in Midway, Texas and also attended Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville, Texas.

During 1936 Mr. and Mrs. White entered the business of raising purebred Brahman cattle at their ranch and their stock is nationally and internationally known as shipments of their purebreds have been made to all parts of the United States and South America.

Mr. White has membership in the American Brahman Breeder's Association; The Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Director of the American Brahman Breeder's Association from 1952 to 1955; President of the American Brahman Breeder's Association from 1955 to 1958 and will be a Director for life; and a Director of Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association since 1956. He is also Field Inspector for the Bryan Production Credit Association, a position he has held since 1934; Director of Robertson County Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. since 1947 and President of the Robertson County REA since 1951.

Both Mr. and Mrs. White are active members of the Hearne Church of Christ and Mr. White is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; Ben Hur Temple; Austin Consistory No. 4 of Austin, Texas; and the American Legion. He is Past Master of the Golden Rule Lodge of Hearne and Past Commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post No. 454 of Hearne.

DR. LOUIS BOND HUGHES, son of Emery H. Hughes and Katherine Brady Hughes, was born in Austin, Texas, August 21, 1927.

He attended St. Mary's Parochial School and Newman School in Austin. He also attended Allen High School in Austin and Hearne High School, graduating and receiving his high school diploma from St. Edward's Military Academy in Austin with the Class of 1943. During the years of 1941-42-43 he lived in Hearne with his parents at their ranch home on Pinoak.

After completing his high school education, he entered the University of Texas and later enrolled at Tulane Medical School in New Orleans where he received his medical degree. During his college and medical school days he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon at the University of Texas and Nu Sigma Nu, medical fraternity, at Tulane. His internship was at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1949-50. He entered the U. S. Navy in 1950 serving twenty one months with a Marine Air Group as Navy Flight Surgeon until 1953.

After being discharged from the U. S. Navy in 1953, he came to

Hearne to be associated with the Searcy-Fleming Hospital in the practice of medicine and surgery.

He was married in New Orleans to Miss Edwina Mary Prados, daughter of Wilfred Olivier Prados and Edwina Victoria Mary Prados, June 2, 1949. Mrs. Hughes was reared in New Orleans and attended St. Joseph's Parochial School and Sacred Heart Academy. She attended Loyola University in New Orleans and was graduated with a B. S. Degree in Medical Technology. At Loyola, Mrs. Hughes was a member of Theta Beta and B. E. V., Biology and Medical Technician Societies. Dr. and Mrs. Hughes have a son, Christopher Louis Hughes and a daughter, Ann Hughes.

Dr. and Mrs. Hughes are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church where he is an active member of St. Mary's Men's Club and Mrs. Hughes is active in the St. Mary's Altar Society.

Dr. Hughes is a member of the Hearne Lions Club, the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Society, a member and Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department where he serves as department doctor and President, the Hearne Golfer's Association, and the Calvert Country Club.

HENRY VICTOR MARTIN JR. was born in Hearne, Texas, July 23, 1924, the son of Henry Victor Martin and Lena C. Moseley Martin.

He attended Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1942. He then enlisted in the U. S. Army where he served for thirty-four months during World War II, his overseas duty being in Europe.

He returned to Hearne the latter part of 1945 after being discharged from military duty. He began the operation of Martin's Cleaners in February 1946, this business being located on Magnolia Street in Hearne, a business that previously had been established and operated by his father.

He was married to Miss Ruth Gean Stephens, daughter of James Edgar Stephens and Gean Lancaster Stephens of Hearne, Texas, April 6, 1947. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin: Ira Lee Martin, Vicki Gean Martin, and Susan Ann Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church where Mr. Martin serves as a member of the Vestry and Mrs. Martin is active in the Church School.

He is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legions Post of Hearne, a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club, and is very active in the work of Cub Scouting.

LEONARD ADAM NUNLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Nunley, was born in Hearne, Texas, March 9, 1900. His parents were pioneers of the Hearne area, making their home in the Blackjack Community for many years.

He attended the rural school in Blackjack and later attended the schools in Hearne. In 1918, as a young man, he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and worked in the Hearne yards as a call boy, yard clerk, a clerk in the yard office, and as yard-master.

He was married to Miss Pauline Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hill, December 31, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Nunley had one child, a daughter, Fay Pauline, who was married to James G. Chatmas, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Chatmas. Mr. and Mrs. Nunley had two grandchildren: Nancy Chatmas and Bobby Chatmas.

Leonard Adam Nunley was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ, a member of the Hearne Masonic Lodge where he had served in several capacities including Worshipful Master, and a member of various railroad organizations.

He passed away January 17, 1958 after being a lifelong resident of Hearne.

DR. ELVIN M. BOYD, son of Carroll E. Boyd and Lue Whiten-er Boyd, was born December 2, 1914, in Dawson, Texas.

He spent his boyhood in Oklahoma and attended public schools in that state. Entering the University of Texas in 1939 he attended this school through 1943 when he received a B. S. Degree in Pharmacy. From 1943 through 1947 he attended the University of Texas School of Medicine at Galveston and here received his Medical Degree. His internship was at Wichita Falls Clinic-Hospital at Wichita Falls, Texas.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army in October 1942 during World War II and was discharged in March 1945. Since 1949 he has served in the Texas National Guard as Medical Corp Officer, and in 1958 was serving on the Staff of the Commanding General of the 49th Armored Division as the Division Psychiatrist with the rank of major.

He moved to Hearne in December 1947 where with Dr. Henry C. Guynes he purchased the Hearne Hospital which had been established by Dr. W. M. Boguskie. Later, in 1952, he and Dr. H. C. Guynes built the Hearne General Hospital.

He was married to Miss Vera Ione Reagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reagan of Marquez, Texas, August 20, 1941, the marriage being performed in Austin, Texas. Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Boyd: a son, John Reagan Boyd; and a daughter, Nancy Ann Boyd. Dr. and Mrs. Boyd and their children are members of the Hearne Church of Christ where he serves as a teacher.

Dr. Boyd, a physician and surgeon, is a member of the Medical and Surgical Clinic of Hearne where he is associated with Drs. Gallagher, Cruse, and Varvel. He is a partner in the operation and ownership of the Hearne General Hospital with Dr. H. C. Guynes.

He has served as Robertson County Health Officer since 1949, is a member of the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, the Brazos-Robertson County Medical Association, the American Academy of General Practice, Fellow American Geriatric Society, and a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club. In 1957 he helped to organize the First State Bank of Hearne where he is a stockholder and a member of the Board of Directors. He is also very active in the Hearne Parent-Teacher Association.

JOHN HENRY ESCOUBAS, the son of Albert Escoubas and Rosalee Pickard Escoubas, was born September 1, 1917 in Sulphur, Louisiana in Calcasieu Parish.

He attended public school in that city and was graduated from Sulphur, Louisiana High School with the Class of 1935.

Upon graduating from high school he worked on a rice farm in Louisiana, and in 1936 he moved to Baytown, Texas where he attended Lee Junior College studying business administration. During this same year, he secured employment with Steinberg & Maas Wholesale Grocery Company of Baytown and worked for this firm until 1940. On March 17, 1940 he began his employment with the Humble Oil & Refining Company at Baytown and on March 17, 1953 he was transferred to Hearne, Texas where he was placed in charge of sales at the Humble Products Station.

He was married March 10, 1939 to Miss Janie Lorrene Roberts, daughter of Charles Charpin Roberts and Daisy Ruth Rice Roberts of Baytown, Texas. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Escoubas are: Melba Ruth Escoubas, Lorana Jean Escoubas, Sherridan Escoubas, and Kathryn Sue Escoubas.

Mr. and Mrs. Escoubas and their family are members of the First Baptist Church where Mr. Escoubas serves as Sunday School Superintendent and as a teacher of a boys class.

In 1957 he was elected by the citizens of Hearne to serve as a member of the Hearne City Council. He is a member of the Hearne Rotary Club, the Hearne Masonic Lodge, a member and past President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, has served as County Chairman for the American Red Cross, served as a scoutmaster, and Disaster Chairman of the Robertson County Red Cross Chapter.

PAUL RUIZ, was born January 11, 1912 in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, the son of Matilde Ruiz and Josefa Rodriquez Ruiz.

In 1921, with his parents he moved to Hearne, Texas and later became a naturalized citizen. He attended the public schools in Hearne and accumulated a great number of friends.

Upon the completion of his schooling he secured employment in local tailor shops where he learned the trade of tailoring and the cleaning business.

During World War II, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served two years of active duty in the United States and overseas, receiving his military discharge in 1945.

He was married November 20, 1946 to Miss Frances Garcia, daughter of Steve Garcia and Theresita Lucio Garcia of Orchards, Texas. The wedding took place in Hearne, Texas. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz: Mary Lou Ruiz, Josephine Ruiz, and Paul Ruiz Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion Post of Hearne.

Paul Ruiz is one of Hearne's most popular young business men and often serves as an interpreter of the Spanish language.

DR. FREDERICK WILLIAM CHARLES KARNEY, son of Frederick William Charles Karney and Carolyn Waltmon Karney, was born October 1, 1916 in Hearne, Texas.

He attended the Hearne Public Schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1934.

Upon graduating from high school he enrolled at Southern Methodist University of Dallas and later attended Northwestern University in Chicago where he received his D. D. S. Degree in 1940.

In June 1940 he returned to Hearne and engaged in the practice of dentistry with Dr. W. K. Waltmon.

At the beginning of World War II, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served at San Diego, California; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and Kingsville, Texas. He received his discharge from the U. S. Navy in 1945 and returned to Hearne to resume his practice of dentistry where he began his association with Dr. Jack Lyons and Dr. W. K. Waltmon.

He was married March 7, 1943 at Kailua Beach, Oahu, Hawaii to Miss Mabel McKenzie Stiles, daughter of Joseph Clay Stiles and Virginia Robertson Stiles of Ashland, Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Karney have three children: Gene Carolyn Karney, Judith Ann Karney, and Frederick William Charles Karney Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Karney are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne where Dr. Karney serves as a member of the Board of Stewards.

He is a member and Past President of the Hearne Rotary Club, a Director of the Hearne Building & Loan Association, a former member of the Hearne School Board, a member of the Houston District Dental Society, a member of the American Dental Association, and President of the Airbrasive Study Association.

JOHN WILBUR McCORRY was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, November 19, 1896, the son of William Henry McCorry and Minnie Emory McCorry.

He attended public school and parochial school in Chillicothe,

Ohio and after finishing his schooling he went to work in a shoe factory in that city. Later he worked at bench moulding work in Springfield, Ohio for the Metalic Casket Company.

In 1923 he moved to Rockdale, Texas and worked in a shoemaker shop owned by W. A. Schubert and in 1926 he purchased this shop and operated it for himself.

In 1934 he purchased a shoe shop in Hearne from E. A. Holick, this shop being located on Magnolia Street. He continued his ownership of the shop in Rockdale but moved to Hearne in 1934 to make his home and operate his shop here.

He was married to Miss Aline Catchings, daughter of Alvin B. Catchings and Beulah Moore Catchings of Rockdale, Texas, February 14, 1926. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McCorry: Lorraine McCorry Bailey, John W. McCorry Jr., and Ruth McCorry Carter.

The McCorry family belongs to the Baptist Church and Mr. McCorry is a member of the Rockdale Masonic Lodge, a former member of the Knights of Pythias, a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, and he organized and served as the first President of the Robertson County Gun Club in 1956.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HINES was born in Rising Star, Texas, May 17, 1877, the son of George W. Hines and Frances Cauble Hines.

During his boyhood, with his family he moved to McLennan County where he attended the Snake Creek Rural School.

In 1906 he was employed by the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company as a locomotive fireman at Bonham, Texas. In 1909 he moved to Hearne where he was employed by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company as a fireman and in the bridge gang. He continued this employment until December 25, 1913. From 1915 until 1930 he was a "boomer" fireman and was employed by the following railroad companies: Trinity & Brazos Valley, Frisco, Union Pacific, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the Rock Island. Also during these years he served in the Waco Fire Department, Waco Police Department, and as a special officer at Mexia during the oil boom days in the 1920's. During World War I, he served as Wagonmaster at Camp McArthur in Waco.

In 1931 he entered the service station business and in 1934 he built his own service station on North Market Street.

He was married January 28, 1934 to Ila Pippin Spear. During this same year he purchased his home place on the Franklin highway north of Hearne.

From 1942 to 1947 he was employed at the Hearne Prisoner of War Camp during World War II. In 1948 he entered the plumbing business in Hearne and continued this business until 1951 when he became employed as an automobile salesman.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hines are members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Hines is a former member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, holding membership in this organization from 1906 through 1932.

SAMUEL ERNEST FULTON, son of Edin Rivers Fulton and Nannie Etta Payne Fulton, was born in Calvert, Texas, July 30, 1895.

He attended school at Elmo Rural School three miles east of Calvert. He later moved to Stamford, Texas where he attended the Sunny Side school near that city.

On October 20, 1917 he was married to Miss Dora Belle Karr, daughter of William Isaac Karr and Sarah Bell Wooten Karr of Anson, Jones County, Texas. The marriage took place in Fort Worth, Texas. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fulton: William Cecil Fulton, Ernestine Fulton, Maxine Fulton, and Etta Belle Fulton.

He farmed in Jones County, Texas from 1911 to 1916 and when he moved to Franklin, Texas and bought a livery stable. (Note: Ernest Fulton said that he didn't think that anyone ever rode a horse or rode in a buggy after he purchased the livery stable as he didn't do so good with this business and sold it and went into the service car business).

On July 18, 1917 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served eleven months in France with the 111th Field Signal Battalion 36th Division. He received his discharge from military service June 19, 1919 after World War I and returned to Franklin and worked in a garage as a mechanic until July 1920. During 1920 he moved to Calvert, Texas and was employed by Robertson County doing road work. He later was employed at the Calvert Country Club. During 1921 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom and worked at a gin on the Christy Bryant plantation near Mumford. He was working at this gin during the fall of 1921 when the great flood of that year wiped out so many cotton planters in the Brazos Bottom.

On November 30, 1921 he moved to Hearne and was employed as a mechanic by a local garage until 1926 when in partnership with Earl Shelman he opened his own garage, this business being located on Fifth Street in the business district of Hearne.

He went to work for Humble Pipe Line Company November 23, 1926 and continued his employment with that company until June 10, 1957 when he was retired on disability after being employed for a period of nearly 31 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and he is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post and a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne.

LOUIS E. LAHM, son of Louis S. Lahm and Ettie L. Crowder Lahm, was born April 17, 1906 in Clarkston, Washington.

He attended grade school in Clarkston, Washington, Hereford,

Texas, and Amarillo, Texas. He graduated from Amarillo High School with the Class of 1925. Upon graduation from high school he enrolled at Texas Technological College in Lubbock, Texas and was graduated with a B. S. Degree.

After finishing college, during the depression of the 1930's, he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, Sinclair Refining Company, and various odd jobs including surveying jobs in and around Amarillo, Texas.

In 1933 was employed by the Texas Company, refining department in Amarillo. He was made chief chemist of this company in Amarillo in 1938 and worked in this position until 1944 when he was transferred to The Texas Company Dallas Refinery as assistant chief chemist. In 1948 when The Texas Company constructed the Hearne Products Terminal, he was transferred to Hearne, Texas as Chief Chemist. In September 1950 he was promoted to Assistant to the Division Superintendent and was made Assistant Division Superintendent in 1953. In September 1957 he was made Division Superintendent of The Texas Company with Hearne headquarters.

He was married to Miss Mildred L. Hammer, daughter of Schuyler W. Hammer and Carrie E. Ellison Hammer of Amarillo, Texas, August 31, 1940.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society; a member of the Presbyterian Church; and a member of the Hearne Lions Club.

CLEMENT BEAL THAMES, son of Joseph Walton Thames and Emma Lou Hodges Thames, was born in Gonzales, Texas, October 30, 1901.

He attended grade school and high school in Smithville, Texas, graduating from that high school with the Class of 1919. Upon completing his high school education, he enrolled at the University of Texas in 1920 and received his B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering in 1924. While attending the University of Texas he was a member of Theta Xi and Sigma Delta Psi fraternities. He was also a member of the University of Texas varsity track team winning his letters in 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924. He was a charter member of the Texas Cow Boys, member of Student Assembly College of Engineering, President of the Senior Class of the College of Engineering, and President of the Engineering College of the University of Texas in 1924.

Upon receiving his college degree, he began his employment with the Texas Highway Department in 1924 and worked at La-Grange in Fayette County, Texas. He was made a resident engineer with the Texas Highway Department in 1926. He moved to Hearne, Texas, May 7, 1927 as Resident Engineer.

On April 20, 1929 he was married to Miss Katy Ely, daughter of William Henry Ely and Myra Abigail Walker Ely, pioneer resi-

dents of Hearne. Mrs. Thames graduated from Hearne High School and enrolled at Baylor University where she was graduated with a B. A. Degree in 1928. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thames: Clement Beal Thames Jr., who was born March 29, 1931 and Elsa Carolyn Thames who was born June 28, 1935. C. B. Thames Jr. was graduated from Hearne High School and received his B. S. Degree in 1954 and his M. A. Degree in 1957 from the University of Texas. Elsa Thames graduated from Hearne High School and received her B. B. A. Degree from Baylor University in 1958. C. B. Thames Jr. was married to Miss Carolyn Bratton of Austin, Texas and they have three children: Joseph Walton Thames II, born May 6, 1954; William Henry Thames, born December 21, 1958; and Lisa Anne Thames, born December 21, 1958. Elsa Thames was married to William Bruce Sanders, a graduate of Baylor University with a B. S. Degree in 1955, of Greenwood, Mississippi. A daughter, Barbara Lynne Sanders, was born to William Bruce Sanders and Elsa Thames Sanders, September 8, 1955.

Clement Beal Thames was commissioned a Captain in the Corps of Engineers in the U. S. Army June 1, 1942 and assigned to the District Engineer's Office, Fort Sam Houston, Texas during World War II. He was separated from military service June 5, 1946 with the rank of Major. He returned to Hearne after his military service was completed to continue as Resident Engineer for the Texas Highway Department. He continued his reserve status in the U. S. Army and is serving as Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers Reserve, 4992 Control Group, College Station, Texas.

On May 1, 1953 he was promoted to Assistant District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department with his office being located in Bryan, Texas. On February 11, 1957 he was appointed District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Thames are active members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner; a member of Texas Society of Professional Engineers; a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers; Registered Engineer No. 892 Texas; and was acclaimed "Engineer of the Year" by the Brazos Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers on February 20, 1958.

He is a former member of the Hearne City Council; a former member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District; a Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member and former president of the Hearne Golfer's Association; and a Director of the Planters and Merchants State Bank of Hearne, Texas.

JUNIOUS RAMSEY ROSE, son of James Woodward Rose and Mary Alice Hammond Rose, was born in Hempstead, Texas, October

12, 1885. His father was born in North Carolina and his mother was born in Marlin, Texas.

As a youth, he attended school in Hempstead and worked on the family farm. Later he worked as a 'fence rider' on the 7000 acre Ira Camp Farm and Ranch near Hempstead.

In 1903 he left Hempstead and moved to Houston where he worked for the Magnolia Brewery until 1907. In July 1907 he went to work as a locomotive fireman on the Houston East & West Texas Railroad, beginning a railroad career that continued for 48 years. On this job he had a run from Houston to Shreveport, Louisiana. In December 1907 he became a brakeman on the Houston & Texas Central Railroad on a run from Houston to Hearne. He also served as a conductor on this same railroad from 1914 to 1917 and also served as a conducto on the B. & C. T. I. Railroad from Bryan to Whitaker.

With his family he moved to Hearne, October 15, 1917, purchased acreage west of Hearne and established "Rose Hill," the Rose homestead, where his children and grandchildren were reared. After moving to Hearne in 1917 he was employed as a switchman in the Hearne yard of the H. & T. C. Railroad and also owned and operated Rose's Dairy from 1925 through 1927.

He was married June 24, 1908 to Miss Louise Rindt, daughter of Charles L. Rindt and Louise Erb Rindt. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rose: Mary Louise Rose Hilburn, Junious R. Rose Jr., Elbert Rose, Haral Rose, and Doris Rose Bishop. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rose are graduates of Hearne High School. The following are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Rose: Dorothy Hilburn Franks, Mary Lou Hilburn Simon, Hazel Rose, Edna Louise Rose, Jimmie Lou Rose, Tommie Sue Rose, William Edward Bishop, Norman Ray Bishop, and Robert Earl Bishop. Great-grandchildren are: Lou Ellen Franks, Barbara Ann Franks, Kathy Simon, Debbie Simon, and Mark Simon.

Jounious Ramsey Rose and Mrs. Rose are communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church where Mr. Rose served for many years as Superintendent of the Church School. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

He retired from active service with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Febuary 25, 1955 ending a railroad career of 48 years of service. After his retirement he entered the egg and poultry business on his farm at "Rose Hill." The life and career of Jounious Ramsey Rose is typical of the many men who have served with the railroads in the Hearne area.

WILBUR STRONG, son of Charles A. M. Strong and Emma Johnson Strong, was born April 29, 1911 in Texas City, Texas.

He attended the public schools in Texas City and graduated from high school with the Class of 1929. He entered the University of Texas in 1935 and received his Degree in banking and finance.

After completing his college work he returned to Texas City where he was cost accountant for an oil company, later becoming associated with a bank in that city.

He entered the U. S. Navy in 1943 and served during World War II, receiving his discharge in 1945. After completing his military service, he returned to Texas City where he became cashier of the First State Bank. He later was promoted to vice president of this bank and was made president in 1950.

In November 1956, with his family he moved to Hearne, Texas to supervise the construction of the First State Bank of Hearne and to employ personnel. The bank was formally opened for business September 6, 1957 and he assumed his duties as Executive Vice President and Director.

He was married to Miss Josephine Stanton, daughter of Joe Brown Stanton and Evelyn Summers Stanton, of Crockett, Texas, June 15, 1940. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Strong: Wilbur Stanton Strong and Milton Stanton Strong.

Wilbur Strong and his family are members of the Grace Methodist Church and he teaches an adult Sunday School Class and sings in the church choir. He is a member of the Hearne Rotary Club and served as Song Leader for this organization at the District Rotary Conference held in Waco, Texas in 1958. He is a past Worshipful Master of the Texas City Masonic Lodge, has been a registered Scouter for 17 years and active in Boy Scout work for many years. He is Scout Master for Troop No. 84 in Hearne and is on the Executive Board of the Sam Houston Area Council of Boy Scouts. He has been active in Red Cross work and serves as vice-chairman of the Robertson County Red Cross Chapter, and is on the executive board of the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Strong is also very active in local and county organizations.

HENRY VICTOR MARTIN, son of William LaFayette Martin and Nancy Ann Thornhill Martin, was born in Brookhaven, Mississippi, October 17, 1891.

He attended school at Brookhaven and graduated from the Georgia-Alabama Business College at Macon, Georgia in 1911.

Upon graduation from business college he was employed as a bookkeeper for the Hawkinsville Trading Company at Hawkinsville, Georgia until the summer of 1912 when he moved to Winfield, Louisiana and was employed as a clerk for the Tremont & Gulf Railroad Company. Later he served as agent for the same railroad company at Rochelle, Louisiana.

In 1913 he returned to Winfield, Louisiana and worked for the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad for a year.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in 1914 and was employed in the dispatcher's office of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Com-

pany and in 1916 he served as time keeper at the H. & T. C. Railroad roundhouse. In 1917 he became Chief Clerk in the freight office of the H. & T. C. Railroad and continued in this position until 1921 when he accepted employment with the D. R. Adkisson & Company of Hearne as a cotton buyer. In December 1924 he began work with the Marga Cotton Company of Galveston as a cotton buyer in the East Texas area. During the latter part of 1924 he established a cleaning and pressing business in Hearne, but he continued to be a cotton buyer until 1932.

In 1930 he was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District and served for twelve years. He also served as Secretary to the School Board during these years. He resigned from the school board in 1942 when he was appointed Tax Assessor-Collector for the Hearne Independent School District and served in this capacity through 1946.

He joined the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne in 1917 and served as secretary of this organization. During the years that he followed the railroading profession he was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. He is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and his religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church.

He married Miss Tinnye Moseley, daughter of John M. Moseley and Alma E. Sanders Moseley, January 16, 1916. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin: Francis Martin Putz, Margaret Martin Lumpkin, and Henry Victor Martin Jr. Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moseley, were pioneer citizens of Hearne.

WALTER LEE SMITH, son of Charles Lewis Smith and Sallie Armer Smith, was born in the Shiloh Community of Waller County, Texas, August 22, 1893. His parents were pioneer citizens of the Lexington community in Waller County, Texas.

He attended school at Shiloh and later at Navasota, Texas when his parents moved to that city in 1910. He lived in Navasota from 1910 until 1914 when he moved to Ryan, Oklahoma where he became a barber.

In 1917, he entered the U. S. Army and served 13 months overseas with the 36th Division during World War I. He received his discharge from military service in 1918 and returned to Ryan, Oklahoma to continue his barber business. He moved to Hearne, Texas, February 1, 1928 and established Smith's Barber Shop on Fourth Street and he continued to own and operate this business until February 7, 1958 when he sold his shop and began operating as a commission barber at Cayce's.

He married Nellie Lucille Clearwater, daughter of Ike Clearwater and Edna May Thompson Clearwater, of Snyder, Oklahoma, June 19, 1922. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Robert

Smith, Lynn Smith, Marinell Smith Gambill, Charles Isaac Smith, and Eddie Smith.

Walter Lee Smith was honored by the citizens of Hearne in being elected to serve on the Hearne City Council in 1931-33. He is a member and Past Master of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge, a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post, served as Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church for 20 years, has served as a member of the Board of Deacons since 1930, a member and Past President of the Robertson County Baptist Brotherhood, and has served since 1946 as a member of the Robertson County Draft Board, having received his appointment to this board from President Harry S. Truman.

CHARLIE GREENWOOD, was born November 20, 1893 on the family farm in Waller County, Texas near Hempstead, the son of James Lawrence Greenwood and Adeline Emily Kennard Greenwood.

He attended school in the rural community and later attended the Union School. After his schooling he farmed for five years. In 1917 he became a barber and worked at Waller, Texas. Later he moved to Hempstead and continued his profession in that city. He also worked for one year in a barber shop in the Brazos Hotel in Houston, Texas.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, March 5, 1926. On October 22, 1916 he married Mabel Claire Bennatt, daughter of William Marcus Bennatt and Ida Ola Allen Bennatt, at Union Church near Hempstead, Texas. Mrs. Greenwood's parents were prominent pioneer citizens of Waller County, Texas, her father having been born in the Dr. Leonard Groce home, "Liendo" in 1860. This home, built in 1853, is a beautiful plantation home located near Hempstead. Mrs. Greenwood is a direct descendant of John Chiles, a member of the First Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood are members of Grace Methodist Church, Mr. Greenwood being a member of the Board of Stewards. Mr. Greenwood is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce and the Hearne Golfer's Association.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood: Ida Ola Greenwood Knapp, Marian Greenwood Yelverton, and Charles Allen Greenwood.

WILBURN WORTH BROCK, son of Sam B. Brock and Maggie Jane Melton Brock, was born July 4, 1916 at Wheelock, Texas. His parents were pioneer citizens of the Wheelock Community in Robertson County.

He attended grade school at Wheelock and when the family moved to Hearne, Texas in 1925 he entered the Hearne Public Schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class

of 1933. He was prominent in athletics and was Captain of the Hearne High School football team in 1932.

Upon graduation from high school he was employed by the Pat Hall Company, an automobile agency in Hearne and worked for this firm until 1939 when he opened a service station on the corner of Market & Brown Streets.

In 1944 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served 13 months in the Pacific area during World War II. Upon receiving his discharge from military service in 1945 he returned to Hearne and operated a service station on the corner of Market and Fifth Streets.

He married Elaine Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, of Rogers, Texas, July 21, 1940. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brock are: Linda Katherine Brock, Robert Neil Brock, and Charles Benton Brock.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and Mr. Brock is a member of the Hearne Lions Club, the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Brock was a member of the committee that organized the Little League Baseball program in Hearne. He is very active in this organization and other youth work of the community.

HUDSON PURVIS ELY (Lt. Colonel, U. S. Army, Retired), son of Jay Gould Ely and Mary Lillie Purvis Ely, was born May 14, 1905 in Milano, Texas.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in 1912 and entered the Hearne Public Schools and also attended Hearne High School, playing football for the Hearne Eagles. On December 10, 1923, he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company as a clerk in the Hearne yards. During his railroad career, he has worked for this company as Yardmaster, Engine Foreman, and General Yardmaster.

On May 4, 1942, he entered the U. S. Army for active duty as a Second Lieutenant and received the following promotions: July 20, 1942, First Lieutenant; June 1943, Captain; May 16, 1945, Major; November 1, 1953, Lt. Colonel. During his military career he attended anti-aircraft and guided missile school at Fort Bliss, advanced Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Virginia, schooling on warehousing and use of mechanical appliances. He served two years as Railway Operations Superintendent in Australia and qualified in air, water, and rail transportation. He commanded the 749th Railway Operating Battalion (a New York, New Haven and Hartford Battalion in the Philippines), and was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal and Philippine Presidential Citation for restoration work.

He also served as General Superintendent of Terminals and as a Colonel as General Superintendent of Transportation during the Korean War, supervising four Battalions in the operation of 1200

miles of railroads on the Korean National Railroad. While operating from Headquarters of the 8th Army in Korea under General Maxwell D. Taylor's staff, he planned and supervised operations "Little Switch" which handled the return of sick and wounded and the "Big Switch," the return of North Koreans and Chinese prisoners; operation "Reclaim" when 5000 North Koreans and Chinese chose South Korea as home. He was also active in the evacuation of Indian troops from the demilitarized zone and also supervised movement of the Korean capital from Pusan to Seoul. After his return from the Korean tour of duty he served as Superintendent of Operations at Fort Eustis, Virginia Transportation Training Center.

During his military career he received the following decorations: Bronze Star Medal World War II; Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster Korean War; Commendation Medal with Metal Pendant; Chung Mu Medal with Gold Star (one of Korea's highest decorations); American Defense Medal; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Five Battle Stars; Philippine Liberation Medal with Two Battle Stars; Korean Service Medal with Three Battle Stars; United Nations Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Three Meritorious Service Emblems; Philippine Presidential Unit Citation; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; Reserve Medal with 20 years service; Texas Service Medal; Authorized 10 Service Bars; and numerous letters of commendation. Lt. Colonel Hudson Purvis Ely was one of the most decorated railroad men in Korea.

He married Grace Emily Thorpe, daughter of Henry Hamilton Thorpe and Mollie Roberta Walker Thorpe, May 16, 1926, at Denton, Texas. Mrs. Ely was born in Burleson County, Texas and moved to Hearne in 1921. One child, Eugene Purvis Ely, was born to Colonel and Mrs. Ely. Colonel and Mrs. Ely are members of the First Baptist Church and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, The National Defense Transportation Association, Life Member of Retired Officers Association, National Sojourners (Masonic Military), Heroes of 1776 (Masonic Military conferred to VIP's); a member of the National Rifle Association; and a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge #361 of Hearne.

HARDNEY RICHARD (Billy) KELLY, son of Hardney Louis Kelly and Beatrice Sample Kelly, was born in Athens, Texas, February 16, 1918.

With his family he moved to Rockdale, Texas in 1924 and attended the public schools of that city. He was graduated from Rockdale High School with the Class of 1936.

In June 1937 he moved to Hearne, Texas and was employed by W. S. Hoyt at the Post Office Pharmacy. He worked at this position

until he entered the U. S. Navy in June 1940 and served in the Pacific area until August 1946 during World War II. After receiving his discharge from military duty he returned to Hearne to resume his employment at the Post Office Pharmacy and continued his employment until 1948 when he accepted employment in the office of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company in Hearne. During the latter part of 1948, in partnership with W. S. Hoyt Jr. he entered the drug store business and established the City Drug Store on the corner of Magnolia and Fourth Streets in Hearne. He purchased his partner's interest in this business in 1954.

On February 14, 1947, he was married to Thelma Archer, daughter of Alva Archer and Dora Dorrrough Archer. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have a son, Jimmie Archer Moore.

Hardney Richard Kelly has been active in the business and civic life of Hearne and is a former member of the Hearne Lions Club; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne.

JULIUS EFRUM (Snookie) MATHIS, son of Clarence E. Mathis and Mary Isa Keeling Mathis, was born in Hearne, Texas, May 6, 1913.

He attended the Hearne Public Schools and Hearne High School, playing football on the Hearne Eagles team in 1929 and 1930.

Upon the completion of his schooling he entered the general contracting business. He entered the U. S. Navy, May 4, 1944 and served until January 16, 1946 during World War II, his active duty being in the Pacific area.

Upon his discharge from military service, he returned to Hearne to resume his building contract business.

He married Johnoween Smyth, daughter of John George Smyth and Charlie Ramsey Smyth, July 20, 1934. The marriage was solemnized in Bryan, Texas. Two children, Patricia Ann Mathis and John Ramsey Mathis, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mathis.

He is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post #454 of Hearne; a member of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association; a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; served as Chaplain and Historian of the American Legion Post; is Past Commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post #454; served on the National Rehabilitation Committee; served on the National Committee of the American Legion; served as Commander of the 6th District American Legion; is a Communicant of St. Philips Episcopal Church where he has served as Church School Superintendent, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and as a member of the Vestry.

Mrs. Mathis is active in civic and local affairs. She is a member of the Miles Scriviner Unit #454 American Legion Auxiliary where she served as President in 1946-47 and Treasurer for 6 years; Chairman of Girls State for 6 years; has served on various other committees of the American Legion Auxiliary both local and district committees; is Past President of the 6th District American Legion Auxiliary; served on District Committees of the Parent-Teacher Association; a member of the Hearne Band Parents Association and served as Uniform Chairman; served as Local Chairman for the American Heart Drive. During 1949-53 she helped to organize and served as General Chairman of Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops. She is a member of the Disaster Committee for Robertson County; a Communicant of St. Philips Episcopal Church; a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Philips Church, and served as Church School Teacher for five years. In addition to the above, she has served as Secretary for the Democratic Party of Precinct No. 2, Robertson County.

THOMAS E. BRASHEAR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brashear, was born in Cameron, Texas, March 17, 1924.

He attended the public schools in Cameron and was graduated from Yoe High School in Cameron with the Class of 1941.

Upon his graduation from high school he entered the U. S. Navy and served during World War II, receiving his discharge in 1946. He entered Duke University at Durham, North Carolina in 1946 and attended for two years. In 1948 he accepted employment as a bookkeeper in the First National Bank in Cameron. He was promoted to assistant cashier and later was made cashier. During 1952 he resigned his position with the bank and accepted employment with the Shell Oil Company at Pasadena, Texas where he worked for two years. In 1954 he returned to Cameron and went to work for the Industrial Generating Company at Rockdale, Texas. He worked for this company until July 1, 1957 when he accepted employment with the First State Bank of Hearne, Texas as cashier. He assisted in the planning of the new bank which opened September 6, 1957.

He married Harriet Dodson of Cameron, Texas, January 14, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Brasher have two children; Linda Brashear and Thomas E. Brashear Jr. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brashear are members of the First Baptist Church. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge; is District Finance Chairman of the Arrowmoon District of the Boy Scouts; and is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

JOHN LUKE, son of Albert Luke and Mary Johnson Luke, was born in New Castle, Durham County, England, March 15, 1866.

In 1878, at the age of 12 years, he came to America to make his home, the Luke family locating in Eagle Lake, Texas. After attending school in Eagle Lake, John Luke went to work for the Galveston, Houston & San Antonio Railroad Company in 1886. He worked for

this railroad until 1891 when he moved to Houston, Texas and became a locomotive fireman with the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company.

Later he was promoted to locomotive engineer for the H. & T. C. Railroad. He moved to Hearne, Texas in 1898 where he ran as extra engineer. Most of his years of service with the H. & T. C. Railroad was spent in the Hearne yards as an engineer on the switch engine.

One of the most interesting incidents in Mr. Luke's railroad career was the occasion when the first airplane flew over Hearne in the days prior to World War I. He alarmed the citizenry with repeated blasts from the whistle of his switch engine.

He retired from the railroad in 1928 after 42 years of active service as a locomotive fireman and engineer.

In 1892 he was married to Cornelia Morris of Hearne. The marriage took place in Hearne, Texas and the ceremony was performed by The Reverend Williford, a Methodist minister. Mrs. Luke was born in Alabama, August 18, 1868. She was a sister of E. J. "Fuller" Morris and a half sister to William Worth Bivin, pioneer citizens of Hearne. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Luke: a daughter, Marie Luke who was born in 1900 and who married Frank Nixon, a locomotive fireman with the H. & T. C. Railroad; and a son, Edward W. Luke, who married Jimmie Brown, daughter of Thomas Greenwood Brown and Beulah Carolyn Tamplin Brown. A son, Thomas Edward Luke, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Luke. He married Marion Feather of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Luke have a son, Thomas Edward Luke Jr.

Edward W. Luke was employed by the H. & T. C. Railroad as a switchman in the Hearne yards and also as a brakeman running from Hearne to Houston and from Hearne to Ennis. He served in the U. S. Army during World War I; is a former member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department; and was affiliated with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen during the time he was employed in railroad work.

John Luke was an active member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years. An amusing incident happened during his service as a volunteer fireman which he got quite a kick out of telling and re-telling. It seems that during the process of answering an alarm Edward W. Luke was driving the Model T Ford fire truck and B. G. Talmadge, a long-time member of the department who stuttered, was riding on the front seat with Ed Luke. John Luke was riding on the rear of the fire truck. The truck took the corner on Fourth and Market Streets on two wheels and John Luke was slung off. Mr. Talmadge attempted to tell Ed Luke of the happenings as follows: "Eeee-d, y-you s-s-slung y-y-your d-d-daddy o-off the t-t-ruck b-b-back t-t-there." It seems that Mr. Talmadge kept trying to tell the driver of what had happened, but the fire truck had reached the scene of

the fire before Mr. Talmadge could make Ed Luke understand just what had happened. When he did, Mr. Talmadge said: "H-h-h...l its t-t-too l-l-late n-n-now."

John Luke was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. After his retirement in 1928 he continued his interest in railroading and quite frequently was seen visiting with his old "buddies" near the roundhouse and in the railroad yards.

John Luke died February 10, 1944 and Mrs. Luke died August 6, 1950.

RHUEL EMMETT BROWN, son of Thomas Greenwood Brown and Beulah Carolyn Tamplin Brown, was born July 16, 1893 at Hearne, Texas.

He attended the Hearne public schools. After completing his schooling he was employed for five years with the Planters Cotton Oil Company in Hearne. On October 1, 1921, he began work with the Southern Pacific Railroad in Hearne as a locomotive fireman. Most of his years of railroad service have been in the Hearne yards in switch engine service.

On March 26, 1931 he was married to Mable Lou Carson, daughter of Robert Calep Carson and Josie Mattie Copeland Carson. The marriage took place in Calvert, Texas. A son, Rhuel Emmett Brown Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Rhuel Emmett Brown Jr. married Elaine Andeson, daughter of Roy Leonard Anderson and Emerline Laura Lee Sterns Anderson of Houston, Texas. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhuel Emmett Brown Jr.: Belinda Brown and Jill Brown.

Rhuel Emmett Brown is a member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member of the Hearne Chapter Order of the Eastern Star; and a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Mrs. Brown is an active member of the Grace Methodist Church of Hearne; is Past President of the Women's Society of Christian Service; a member and Past Matron of the Hearne Chapter #722 Order of the Eastern Star; Secretary of Hearne Chapter O. E. S.; Grand Examiner, Deputy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; a Charter Member and first President of the Hearne Study Club; a member and Past President of the Hearne Shakespeare Club; Past President of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association; and a member of the Hearne Study Club. Mrs. Brown has also been employed in various secretarial positions including bookkeeping and clerical work for the Hearne Building & Loan Association.

JOHN E. MATHEWS, son of John W. "Captain Jack" Mathews and Fannie Taylor Mathews, was born August 16, 1887 at Hearne, Texas.

He attended the Hearne public schools. When he became a young man, he went to work as a brakeman for the T. & B. V. Railroad and later was promoted to a conductor.

In 1909 he married Verna Josephine Wood, daughter of Robert T. Wood and Eliza Jane Eberley Wood of Hempstead, Texas. A son, John Wood Mathews, was born January 27, 1911 to Mr. and Mrs. Mathews. Robert T. Wood, father of Verna Wood Mathews, was born in 1851 and died in 1913. Eliza Jane Eberley Wood, mother of Verna Wood Mathews, was born in 1857 and died in 1939.

While on duty as a conductor for the T. & B. V. Railroad, John E. Mathews was killed in a railroad accident near North Zulch, Texas, March 2, 1911.

OTHO MATHEWS, son of Little Berry Mathews and Jane Agnes Anderson Mathews, was born October 28, 1891 at Hearne, Texas. His parents were pioneer citizens of the Hearne area.

He attended the Hearne schools. On December 28, 1909 he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad as a clerk and worked in this position until 1912 when he began work as a switchman in the Hearne yards.

On December 19, 1914, he was married to Eunice Gardner, daughter of Charles Wilburn Gardner and Mary Magdalene Knipp Gardner of Hearne. Charles W. Gardner, who fought for the Southern Confederacy during the Civil War, was born in 1842 and died in 1924. Mary Magdalene Knipp Gardner was born in 1862 and died in 1924.

The following children were born to Otho Mathews and Eunice Gardner Mathews: Otho Mathews Jr., Jack Walton Mathews, Edward Lee "Jiggs" Mathews, Jane Mathews Willis; and Charles Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne and Mr. Mathews is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Otho Mathews, who began his career with the railroad December 28, 1909 retired December 31, 1957 completing 48 years of railroad service.

BURT OLIVER LAWRENCE BRADY, son of Abner Charles Brady and Andrea Anderson Brady, was born July 26, 1905 at Georgetown, Texas.

He attended the Georgetown public schools and after completing his schooling he became associated with A. C. Brady & Son, Contractors, in Georgetown. His association with this building contracting firm began in 1925 and continued through 1938. During 1938 he moved to Hearne, Texas and went into the building contracting

business in his own name. He served as general building superintendent on the construction of the Hearne City Hall building; the Municipal Clubhouse and other construction work in the building of the Hearne Municipal Park and Golf Course; the construction of the Hearne High School gymnasium; the remodeling of the Hearne Municipal Power Plant building; and other public buildings.

In 1947 he purchased half interest in the C. & S. Grain & Lumber Company of Hearne in partnership with Willie F. Sander.

He was married to Dollye Baker, daughter of William Elsworth Baker and Sabrina Simmons Baker of Georgetown, Texas, March 27, 1925. A son, Lawrence David Brady, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brady. Lawrence David Brady married Janis Boguskie, daughter of Dr. William M. Boguskie and Thelma Stovall Boguskie. A son, William Lawrence Brady, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence David Brady.

Burt Oliver Lawrence Brady is a member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; and a former member of the Odd Fellow Lodge of Georgetown, Texas. He also has served on various local boards of tax equalization.

FRANK REISTINO, son of Charlie Reistino and Louise Loria Restino, was born January 12, 1911 at Marlin, Texas. His father and mother were born in Italy and came to the United States in 1903 and settled in St. Louis, Missouri. His father worked in a brick factory at St. Louis for three years and the family moved to Robertson County, Texas in 1906 and settled on the White Farm in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne. His father began his farming career in the Brazos Bottom with one mule and a plow, but as the years passed he accumulated land of his own and at the time of his death was one of the largest land owners in the Brazos Bottom.

In 1909 the Reistino family moved to Falls County, Texas and continued cotton farming and cattle raising. Charlie Reistino purchased 75 acres of bottom land in Falls County and later increased his land holdings to 660 acres in that area. In 1928 Charlie Reistino sold his land in Falls County and purchased the Wood Place on Little Brazos near Hearne, this farm consisting of 630 acres. He moved into Hearne in his declining years and purchased several town lots and houses. At the time of his death in 1953 he still owned the Wood Place farm in the Brazos Bottom.

The following children were born to Charlie Reistino and Louise Loria Reistino: Joe Reistino, Sam Reistino, Lena Reistino Campise, Tony Reistino, Frank Reistino, Phil Reistino, Mary Reistino Biamente, Johnie Reistino, and Josephine Reistino Nigliazzo.

Frank Reistino attended the country school near his home in Falls County, Texas and worked on his father's farm. He moved to Hearne in 1928 with his family and continued his association with his father in farming.

Frank Reistino married Frances Corona, daughter of Charles Corona and Dorothy Congelosi Corona, at Hearne, Texas, November 12, 1934. A daughter, Louise Ann Reistino, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reistino.

Frank Reistino and his family are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Robertson County Farm Bureau. He is one of the largest farm and ranch operators in the Brazos Bottom area, 6020 acres being utilized in his operations.

BOB REEVES, colorful Robertson County, Texas sheriff, was well known as a peace officer throughout Texas. He was sheriff for nearly 14 years and was a deputy sheriff five years.

One of his feats which received statewide attention was a Bremond bank holdup December 23, 1947, which Sheriff Reeves partially stopped while it was in progress. Sheriff Reeves was in Bremond, Texas buying a car across the street from the First State Bank when two bandits entered the bank. When they came out one of them stuck a gun in Reeves stomach and told him to face the wall. Reeves did so, then whirled and shot one of the two robbers who was climbing in the get-away car. The bullet hit the bandit between the eyes.

After retiring from law enforcement Sheriff Reeves owned and operated an insurance agency, a loan company, and a hotel and cafe in Franklin, Texas.

Sheriff Reeves was born at Ridge, Texas in 1895 and died December 1, 1957. He had many friends of all races and creeds in Hearne and Robertson County.

IRVIN DANIEL McPHAIL, son of Hugh Daniel McPhail and Ida Lee Forbes McPhail, as born in Richmond, Texas, December 27, 1895. His father was an early pioneer from Mississippi and his mother was born in Lee County, Texas.

In 1901 he moved to Easterly, Texas and later attended the Franklin public school. Upon completing his schooling he went to work in the R. M. Duffey Drug Store in Franklin in 1913 and worked for this firm until he enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1917. He served with the 36th Division Signal Corps and saw over seas service in France during World War I.

He received his discharge from military service June 19, 1919 and returned to his job with the R. M. Duffey Drug Store in Franklin, Texas. In 1921 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Will E. Thompson, Robertson County, Texas. He became an expert in finger print work and was able to solve a number of crimes in Robertson County.

In 1923 he accepted employment with the James B. Truett Dry Goods Company in Franklin and worked in this position until he established a retail grocery business for himself in Franklin. He

owned and operated this business until 1938 and then went to work for the Holland Motor Company of Franklin. In 1941, after the outbreak of World War II, he accepted employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company of Hearne as security officer for the company's Hearne plant.

Late in 1943 he went to work for the Hamilton Dry Goods Company in Hearne and in 1944 he worked in the utilities department of the Hearne Prisoner of War Camp. During 1945 he served as Game Warden for the Hearne and Robertson County area. In the latter part of 1945 he was a salesman for the Lawrence Grocery Company and worked in the Robertson and Milam County area. In 1950 he went to work for the Kimbell Wholesale Grocery Company and later was a salesman for Anderson & Barton Wholesale Grocery Company of Calvert.

On September 15, 1952 he accepted employment as Parking Meter Patrolman for the City of Hearne.

He married Miss Lucile Scott, daughter of Arthur M. Scott and Maude Rogers Scott, February 21, 1920 at Franklin, Texas. Mrs. McPhail's parents were Robertson County pioneers. A daughter, Juanita McPhail, was born to Mr. and Mrs. McPhail. Juanita McPhail married Austin C. Ricketson. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ricketson; a daughter, Suzanne Ricketson; and a son, Mark Ricketson.

Irvin David McPhail is Past Master of the Franklin Masonic Lodge, a member of Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, and a member of the First Baptist Church where he has served as President of the Men's Sunday School class. Mrs. McPhail has been a music teacher since 1919 and she is a member of the Hearne Garden Club, Past Worthy Matron of the Franklin Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Hearne Order of the Eastern Star.

OLEN JAMES WALLACE was born in Wheelock, Texas, May 5, 1908, the son of William Jackson Wallace and Bell Olivia LeFevere Wallace. He attended grade school in the Wheelock rural school.

The Wallace family moved to Hearne, November 3, 1918 and Olen James Wallace entered the Hearne public school. During his years at Hearne High School he was one of the most outstanding fullbacks in the history of the Hearne High School. He won football letters four consecutive years and he was also an outstanding member of the basketball and track teams of Hearne High School.

On May 1, 1926 he became employed with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Hearne as a call boy while he was still in school. Later he was promoted to yard clerk and finally as Chief IBM Clerk in the Transportation Department.

He entered military service October 29, 1942 during World War II, and served for fifteen months with the U. S. Navy Construction

Battalion and transferred to the regular U. S. Navy where he served for fifteen months. After his discharge from the regular U. S. Navy he transferred to the U. S. Navy Air Stand By Reserve Station, U.S. N.A.S. Wing Staff 70, Division 1 at Dallas, Texas. He received his military discharge September 30, 1945.

On July 3, 1935 he was married to Joy Louise White, daughter of William David White and Fannie Etta Grace White. The marriage took place at the Austin Avenue Methodist Church in Waco, Texas. Mrs. Wallace was born in Franklin, Texas and attended the Franklin schools but later moved to Hearne where she was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Olen James Wallace are members of Grace Methodist Church and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway & Steamship Clerks. Mrs. Wallace has followed a business career in Hearne and is associated with a local insurance agency. She is also noted for the fine flowers and plants she grows in her home flower garden.

HOUSTON AUSTIN YOUNG, son of James Edward Young and Theresea Amelia Goeltzier Young, was born in Chilton, Texas, October 29, 1902. He attended the public school in Chilton. When he was a small boy he worked in a drug store, grocery store, sold newspapers, worked in a cotton gin, and chopped and picked cotton. Later he attended Waco High School.

From February 1918 to June 1919 he was employed in the oil fields with the Gulf Refining Company in the production department.

He attended Toby's Business College at Waco, Texas and was graduated from this school July 2, 1920. Upon graduation he accepted employment with the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad and later worked for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

On May 24, 1924 he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company at Chilton, Texas and worked at this location until October 1, 1933 when he moved to Hearne, Texas to continue his employment with this company.

He was married to Edith Lane, daughter of William Daffin Lane and Bernette Lockherd Lane, June 20, 1929. Two children, E'Lane Young and James Edward "Jerry" Young, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Houston Austin Young is a charter member of the Waco Chapter DeMolay, a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge at Marlin, Texas, a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Marlin, Texas, Past Master of the Chilton Masonic Lodge, a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, a member of the Waco Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne where he also has served as Chairman of the House & Grounds Committee.

Mrs. Young is active in religious and club circles in Hearne. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Past Chairman of the House & Grounds Committee, and a teacher in the Sunday School Department. She is also a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club.

FRANK DeSTEFANO, son of Sam DeStefano and Mary Truzzel-eno DeStefano, was born March 3, 1905 in Mumford, Texas. His parents came to America in 1895 from their native home in Palermo, Italy and settled in New Orleans, Louisiana. The family moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom in 1903 and established their home. His father engaged in the cotton farming business.

Frank DeStefano attended the rural school at Smetana, Texas and worked on his father's cotton farm.

He was manager of the Wood Switch Gin Company from 1928 through 1951. In 1934 he began raising cotton on his own when he leased the plantation known as the Woods Place in the Brazos Bottom. His farm holdings increased through the years and in 1958 he owned 1100 acres in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and operated an additional 550 acres under lease in his cotton and ranching business. He moved to Hearne in 1946 and purchased two downtown business buildings. He established a retail grocery business on Fourth Street.

On July 28, 1928, 1928 he was married to Bessie Altmore, daughter of Martin Altmore and Frances Salvaggio Altmore of Hearne, Texas. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. DeStefano: Sam F. DeStefano and Martin J. DeStefano. Sam F. DeStefano graduated from Hearne High School and later received his degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Technological College at Lubbock, Texas. Martin J. DeStefano also graduated from Hearne High School and received his LLD Degree and his Degree in Accounting from the University of Texas. Sam F. DeStefano married Carol Munger of North Dakota and he and his wife have two children: David F. DeStefano and Daniel DeStefano.

Frank DeStefano is a stockholder in the Brazos Valley Alfalfa Dehydrating Mill Inc. and the Wood Switch Gin Company. He assisted in the organizing of the First State Bank of Hearne and is a director and stockholder in this firm. The First State Bank of Hearne opened for business September 6, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. DeStefano and their family are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. DeStefano is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the Federal Land Bank, a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau, a member of the Texas Ginner's Association, and a member of the Texas Cotton Council.

FREDERICK ALBERT KLAPPER was born October 31, 1896 in Coleman, Texas, the son of Earnest William Klapper and Esther Moffat Klapper. Both of his parents were born in London, England.

He attended the public school in Coleman and was graduated from Coleman High School. Upon completing his schooling, he engaged in the Title Abstract business from 1915 until 1918 in Coleman County, Texas.

In 1918, during World War I, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and served for twenty-two months. Upon receiving his discharge from military service he returned to Coleman and engaged in the painting contract business.

In 1931 he moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home and to continue his painting contract business.

He was married to Amelia Lee Harding, daughter of Enoch Harding and Lelia Mae Cummings Harding, June 8, 1927. The marriage was performed at Hearne, Texas. Amelia Harding Klapper was born in Fort Worth, Texas, June 28, 1900. A daughter, Virginia Lee Klapper, was born to Frederick Albert Klapper and Amelia Harding Klapper. Virginia Lee Klapper, who was born in Coleman, Texas, married Robert Charles Duke and the following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Duke: Robert Charles Duke Jr., Barbara Harding Duke, and James Frederick Duke.

Brothers and sisters of Amelia Harding Klapper who at one time lived in Hearne are: Baten Harding, Enoch Harding Jr. Mason Harding, Henry Wildy Harding, Paul Harding, Philip Harding, and Beth Harding Easterwood.

Frederick Albert Klapper is a member and Past Master of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member and Past Commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; a Director of the Hearne Building & Loan Association; and a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Klapper is a member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Women's Missionary Society; Sunday School Nursery Superintendent; Superintendent of Adult Training Union of the First Baptist Church; a substitute teacher in the Hearne Public Schools; and a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club.

ROY EDWARD BERRYHILL, son of Frank Berryhill and Gertha Morrison Berryhill, was born May 7, 1912 at LaRue, Henderson County, Texas. He was reared in Corsicana, Texas and attended the public schools of that city, graduating from Corsicana High School with the Class of 1929.

Upon graduating from high school he attended horology schools in Oklahoma and Illinois. In 1939 he established a jewelry store business in Tishomingo, Oklahoma and continued his business in that city for three years.

In 1941 he moved to Hearne, Texas and established a jewelry store and watch repairing business. In 1942 he entered the U. S. army Air Corps as a private. He served in the European theater

during World War II and received his discharge from military service as a staff sergeant in January 1946.

He was married to Eulala Jayroe, daughter of James I. Jayroe and Lela McDonald Jayroe of Corsicana, Texas, March 24, 1932.

Roy Edward Berryhill has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Corsicana since 1924. He has served as a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District; is a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club; is a member and Past Master of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; is Past President of Norwood Cemetery Association; a member of the Miles Scrivener American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Scottish Rite at Austin; Vice President of the Scottish Rite Association at the Sul Ross Lodge of College Station, Texas; served on the Board of Tax Equalization for the City of Hearne; served as a deputy sheriff of Robertson County, Texas; a member of the police force of the City of Hearne; and a member of the National Jeweler's Board of Trade.

WILLIAM CLARENCE "DUKE" HENDRIX, son of Wilbur C. Hendrix and Lillie Ann Alexander Hendrix, was born October 28, 1894 on the Getzendeiner Ranch in Ellis County, Texas near Ennis. His father was born at Centerville, Georgia and his mother was a native Texan. During his early boyhood his father ran away from home in Georgia and came to Texas. He followed the ranching business and on many occasions made the trip by horseback on the long cattle drives from Texas to the cattle markets in Kansas. Wilbur C. Hendrix died in 1896. Lillie Ann Alexander Hendrix supported her family after the death of her husband by writing poems and articles for magazines.

William Clarence Hendrix attended Texas rural schools near Campbell and Stith, Texas near Merkel in Taylor County. After his few years of grade school he worked on ranches and followed harvest work in the midwestern and eastern states.

Putting it in his own words, William Clarence Hendrix was a "boomer." He traveled throughout the entire United States in his various occupations during his early years. He also traveled in several countries in South America, Central America, and Nova Scotia.

He served for four years in the U. S. Navy during World War I. After receiving his discharge from military service he went to work for two railroad companies in 1919. He tried out on the Boston & Albany Railroad and the New York, New Haven and Hartford as a fireman. Both of these railroads were burning coal on their engines and after a short trial, he "pulled the pin" on both railroads. During the latter part of 1919 he moved to Dallas, Texas and went to work for the Dallas Fire Department working under Chief Myers and Chief McGee. His next railroad job was with the Texas & Pacific Railroad as Train Auditor at Dallas.

During the Hog Creek oil boom in the vicinity of Gorman and DeLeon, Texas in partnership with a "boomer" brakeman he owned and operated the White Owl Cafe, a swanky place which included a full orchestra that furnished dinner music. He sold his one-half interest in this business and went to work as a student fireman for the Texas Central Railroad, running out of DeLeon. Later he returned to Dallas and went into U. S. Postal Service under Bruce Luna, Dallas postmaster.

In 1920 he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as a locomotive fireman. He was promoted to engineer in 1928.

For three months during 1929, by special arrangements with the general manager of the S. P. Railroad, William Clarence Hendrix was attached to the Personnel & Public Relations Department and traveled in Texas and the midwest making talks in the interest of securing support for legislation for the regulation of trucks and busses.

He moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home in March 1943 and continued his employment as a locomotive engineer. He served as Democratic Precinct Chairman of Precinct No. 2, Robertson County, Texas from 1944 through 1948; is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen; served as President of the Magnolia Lodge B. of L. F. E. for 14 years; is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Ennis; a charter member of the Chisam-Landers American Legion Post of Ennis; and a member of the Baptist Church.

William Clarence Hendrix married Bertha Gladys Rogers, daughter of William P. Rogers and Elizabeth Jandrau Rogers, December 2, 1920 at Ennis, Texas. Bertha Gladys Rogers Hendrix was born at Hog Island in Falls County, Texas near Marlin. Her father was a native of Alabama and her mother was born and reared in New Orleans, Louisiana. A son, William C. Hendrix Jr., was born to William Clarence Hendrix and Bertha Gladys Rogers Hendrix. William C. Hendrix Jr. attended the public schools of Ennis, Texas and was graduated from Ennis High School with the Class of 1940. After completing his high school work he enrolled in the University of Texas for his pre-medical work and received his medical degree from the Texas Medical School at Galveston, Texas in 1946. His internship was at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1948 and served for two years in the medical corps. In 1950 he served as surgeon for six months with the Grace Steamship Lines. Later he took post-graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and upon the completion of this work was accepted for a residency in Ear, Nose & Throat practice at Barnes General Hospital at St. Louis. This included a rotation of Veteran Hospital, City-County Hospital and McMillian (the Ear, Nose & Throat division of the Barnes General Hospital).

Young Doctor Hendrix returned to Texas for one year of associate practice at Fort Worth and later established his own office in

this city. He is also on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the Ear, Nose & Throat Society of Tarrant County; a member of the Masonic Lodge of Dallas; a member of the Scottish Rite of Dallas; and a member of the Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Dr. William Clarence Hendrix Jr. married Virginia Lee Boothe who was born at Paragould, Arkansas. She was a resident of St. Louis, Missouri at the time of the marriage. She served as a surgical nurse in the Ear, Nose & Throat division of the Barnes General Hospital at St. Louis. A son, Gerald Lee Hendrix, was born October 26, 1957 to Dr. and Mrs. William Clarence Hendrix Jr.

William Clarence "Duke" Hendrix, a colorful railroad figure and a "boomer" that finally settled down, plans to retire from active duty as a locomotive engineer October 28, 1959 after completing 39 years, nine months and twenty-three days in railroad service. He says that two things that he remembers well that occurred during his long years of service in railroading was shooting dice with old "Big Fiddle" Shepler and the times that he ran for Tax Collector of Ellis County, Texas and campaigned wearing his railroad overalls. He said he would put in his days work with the railroad and leave his engine in the yards and hit the streets and roads while still in his working clothes and begin his campaign work. Another thing that he well remembers and is proud of is that even though he did not get the opportunity to attend school very much during his younger days, that by attending summer sessions and night school at Bryan Tech High School in Dallas he acquired the equivalent of a high school education after he reached the age of 33 years.

William Clarence "Duke" Hendrix has had as colorful a railroad career as any man who ever rode the rails, and in 1959, on the day of his retirement when he brings his engine to the roundhouse and steps down from his cab for the last time, the career will end for a man who has seen and been a part of railroading from the days of the old wood burners to the modern diesels.

SIDNEY ALBERT FINDLEY, son of Eppley Whitmire Findley and Joyce Wilson Findley, was born at Denison, Texas, February 8, 1901.

He attended public schools in Denison and was graduated from Denison High School with the Class of 1920. Upon completion of high school he attended Austin College at Sherman, Texas for two years. In 1923-24 he taught in the Denison public schools. In 1924 he accepted a job for the summer months with the H. & T. C. Railroad at Ennis, Texas in the mail dispatching department. He did not return to his teaching job in Denison in the fall of 1924 but accepted a job in the accounting department of the H. & T. C. Railroad at Ennis and worked in this position until 1928. During 1928

he was promoted to a secretarial position in the office of the division engineer at Ennis and continued this employment until 1930.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in April 1930 and was employed as Trainmaster's Clerk and Division Car Distributor for the Dallas Division with his office being located in Hearne. During 1932 he studied and completed a course in telegraphy and in 1936 when the Dispatcher's Office was moved to Hearne he qualified and was promoted to Trick Dispatcher. He worked in this position until 1942 when he was promoted to Chief Dispatcher. On September 12, 1954 he was transferred to Ennis, Texas where he was employed as Second Trick Chief Dispatcher and on July 1, 1956 he was promoted to Chief Dispatcher at Ennis.

He married Lelia Mae Reading, daughter of John M. Reading and Mina Elmore Reading of Mart, Texas, September 2, 1937. Lelia Mae Reading Findley was born and reared in Mart, Texas and attended the public schools there, graduating from Mart High School with the Class of 1931. She attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas and was graduated with a B. A. Degree in Education in 1934, completing her college courses in three years. She taught in the Hearne elementary school during 1934-35 and 1935-36. In 1936-37 she taught in the Calvert elementary school. Two children were born to Sidney Albert Findley and Lelia Mae Reading Findley; a son, John Sidney Findley, born October 3, 1942; and a daughter, Leah Elmore Findley, born January 2, 1945.

Lelia Mae Reading Findley died April 8, 1955. She was active in social and civic organizations of Hearne, being a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club, the Hearne Music Club, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Hearne Band Parents Association, and the First Baptist Church.

Sidney Albert Findley is a member of the American Train Dispatchers Association; a former member and past president of the Hearne Rotary Club; a charter member of the Hearne Lions Club; former member and past president of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; past president and charter member of the Hearne Golfers Association; served as District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America; a former member of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association; and served as General Chairman of the Hearne Alfalfa Fiesta in 1954. During his residence in Hearne from 1930 to 1954 he was one of Hearne's most active civic leaders.

JUDGE JOHN RAYMOND GRACE, son of Phillip Oscar Grace and Mollie Sandifer Grace, was born March 19, 1904 in Robertson County, Texas in the sand hills between Calvert and Franklin. He attended the rural school at Center near Little Mississippi. Later he attended public school in Calvert, Texas and was graduated from Calvert High School with the Class of 1925. He attended Baylor Uni-

versity and graduated with the Class of 1931 with an LLB Degree. While attending Baylor University he was a member of the football team for two years. He won track letters for three years and participated in the shot put and discus throw, winning first place in the shot put in the Southwest Conference Track & Field Meet in 1930. During 1930 he was co-captain of the Baylor University track team.

In 1932 he was elected to serve as County Attorney for Robertson County and took over the duties of this office January 1, 1933. He served in this capacity for three consecutive elective terms and completed his third term December 31, 1938.

On January 1, 1939 he moved to Hearne, Texas and formed a law partnership with Judge J. Felton Lane under the firm name of Lane & Grace, and continued this partnership until the time of Judge Lane's death in June 1942. He continued his practice of law in Hearne and in October 1945 formed a partnership with Judge Bill Palmos under the firm name of Grace & Palmos.

In September 1955, he was appointed General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas and moved to Austin, Texas to assume his new duties.

In addition to his law practice in Hearne, Judge John Raymond Grace, in partnership with Judge Bill Palmos, Demetre Palmos, and E. C. Gable formed the Super Sales organization, a retail automobile parts agency and an automobile agency on Market Street. Judge Grace has also been active in farming and ranching activities in Hearne and the Brazos Bottom area since 1940.

Judge John Raymond Grace was married to Julia Frances Neilson, daughter of Adrian B. Neilson and Beulah Ingraham Neilson, at West, Texas, June 9, 1931. Julia Frances Neilson Grace attended the West schools and was graduated from West High School and later attended Baylor University at Waco. Mrs. Grace is a former member of Grace Methodist Church; the Hearne Shakespeare Club; and the Heane Music Club.

Judge John Raymond Grace served as City Attorney for the City of Hearne from June 1942 until April 1945. He has served as County Chairman of the American Red Cross; is a former member and Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a charter member and former president of the Hearne Lions Club; served two years as a member of the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas; in 1938 served as Vice President of the County-District Attorneys Association of Texas; a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member of the Scottish Rite of Austin, Texas; Shrine (Harem Temple, Waco); a member of the Highland Park Baptist Church of Austin; a member of the Travis County Bar Association; a member of the State Bar of Texas; a member of the American Bar Association; and a charter member of the Hearne DCC.

JACK KENNETH RAMSAY, son of Warren Alfred Ramsay and Nora Carter Ramsay, was born July 21, 1931 at Fordyce, Arkansas. He attended the public schools in Fordyce, Arkansas and later moved to Henderson, Texas where he was graduated from Henderson High School with the Class of 1949.

Upon completing his high school work he entered Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, Texas where he was a member of the football team for four years. He earned his freshman letter in football in 1949 and lettered three years on the T. C. U. Horned Frog varsity football team. He was an outstanding guard on the Frog team during the seasons of 1950-51-52 and played in the Cotton Bowl Game January 1, 1953 at Dallas, Texas. While attending T. C. U. he was a member of the "T" Association and the Bryson Club. He was graduated from Texas Christian University with the Class of 1953 with a B. S. Degree.

After completing his college education, he served as assistant coach at Odessa High School at Odessa, Texas during the school year 1953-54. During 1954-1955 he served as a Corporal in the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. He received his discharge from military service December 16, 1955 and moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home January 1, 1956. He is associated with the Citizens Ice Company of Hearne.

He was married to Claudia Ann McCollum, daughter of Oscar Horace McCollum and Aba Mae McMordie McCollum of Hearne, Texas on August 24, 1952. Claudia Ann McCollum Ramsay was born in Hearne, Texas and attended the Hearne public schools, graduating from Hearne High School with the Class of 1949. She attended Texas Christian University and was graduated with the Class of 1953 with a B. S. Degree in Education. While attending T. C. U. she was a member of the Bryson Club; the American Child Education; and the American Association of University Women.

Jack Kenneth Ramsay is a member of the Hearne Lions Club; President of the Hearne Quarterback Club; a member and vice president of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department; and a member of Grace Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Stewards.

VALTON HALL, son of C. C. Hall and Millie Hash Hall, was born August 9, 1914 at Marlow, Oklahoma. Later he moved to Electra, Texas where he attended the public schools and was graduated from Electra High School with the Class of 1932.

He entered Texas A. & M. College in 1934 and was graduated from this school in 1938 with a B. S. Degree. Upon completing his schooling he was employed by the Soil Conservation Service and worked at Kaufman, Texas from 1938 until 1943.

In 1943 he moved to Hearne, Texas and opened a soil conservation service office in Franklin, Texas. He remained in charge of this office until his resignation in 1948 when he taught Veteran Vocational Agriculture for three years. In addition to his work with the Soil Conservation Service and his teaching career he farmed and ranched in the Brazos Bottom from 1943 to the present time.

He married Mary Marjorie Weber, daughter of Lee Ellis Weber and Adelaide Glass Weber of Hearne. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall; a daughter, Margana Hall; and a son, John Valton Hall.

Valton Hall and Mary Marjorie Weber Hall are communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church. Mrs. Hall is active in the Woman's Auxiliary of the church and Mr. Hall has served as a member of the Vestry as well as Senior Warden of St. Philips Church.

Valton Hall is supervisor of the Brazos-Robertson Soil Conservation District and serves as secretary of this organization; is Community Committeeman American Soil Conservation; a director of the Bryan Production Credit Association; a member of the Loan Committee of the Bryan P. C. A.; Chairman of the Post Committee of Explorer Boy Scouts of Hearne; and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Kaufman, Texas.

DR. JOSEPH CHARLES GALLAGHER was born December 12, 1919 at Rossford, Ohio, the son of Joseph Charles Gallagher and Gertrude McNaughton Gallagher.

He attended grade school at Rossford, Ohio and later moved to Toledo, Ohio where he was graduated from St. John's High School with the Class of 1937. In 1937 he entered the University of Toledo where he was graduated with a B. S. Degree in 1941. He entered Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri and received his medical degree in 1944. He interned at the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis and his residency training was received at Barnes General Hospital in St. Louis.

He practiced in Toledo, Ohio during 1947-48 and then moved to Marlin, Texas where he became a member of the staff at Buie Clinic.

In September 1954 he moved to Hearne, Texas and became associated with the Medical & Surgical Clinic and the Hearne General Hospital.

Dr. Joseph Charles Gallagher married Elaine V. Brandle, daughter of Theodore Charles Brandle and Dolly Brandle of Bourbon, Missouri in May 1946. Elaine Brandle Gallagher was born April 1, 1920 at Bourbon, Missouri. Dr. and Mrs. Gallagher have three children: Sandra Jean Gallagher, Joseph Charles Gallagher III, and Debra Elaine Gallagher. Elaine Brandle Gallagher was graduated from Bourbon, Missouri High School and attended and graduated from Mis-

souri Baptist School of Nursing and the Barnes General Hospital School of Nursing and Anesthesia. She is a member of the Texas Nurse Anesthetists Society and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Dr. Joseph Charles Gallagher is a member of the Brazos-Robertson Medical Society; The Texas Medical Society; the American Medical Association; American College of Allergists; American Society of Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Allergies; a member of the Mental Health Committee of the Texas Medical Society; a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member of the Board of Directors of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of the Industrial Committee of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hearne Agriculture Foundation; and District Chairman for Robertson-Brazos County Boy Scouts of America.

SAM B. BROCK was born November 17, 1878 at Wheelis Prairie in Robertson County, Texas near Calvert, the son of Richard Brock and Molly Strong Brock. His parents were native Texans. His early days were spent on the family farm.

He attended the Morgan rural school during his boyhood. With his family he moved to Wheelock, Texas in 1893. He continued his work in farming until 1910 when he became a rural mail carrier from Hearne to Wheelock. He was rural mail carrier for 19 years. During the time he was employed as a mail carrier he had a very unfortunate experience in the fall of 1926. As he was on his route he stopped at a rural mail box to deliver some mail and two masked men stepped out of the bushes near the mail box on the roadside and attacked him and robbed the mail sacks he was carrying in his Model T Ford. He retired as a rural mail carrier in 1929.

Sam B. Brock married Maggie Jane Melton, daughter of William Melton and Nancy Jane Garrett Melton, December 18, 1898. Her parents were pioneer citizens of the Wheelock community. The following children were born to Sam B. Brock and Maggie Jane Melton Brock: Annie Mae Brock Roberts; Bertie Brock Boyd; Aubeatrice Brock Wilson; Katie Brock Hairston; William Worth Brock; Woodrow Wilson Brock; and Jane Brock Clark.

Sam B. Brock and his family moved to Hearne in 1924. After his retirement as a rural mail carrier in 1929 he continued his farming and stock raising activities until 1940 when he retired. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and serves on the Board of Deacons. He is a former member of the Woodmen of the World.

WILLIAM KIRKLAND HOWARD, also known as "Cooter" Howard, son of William Robert Howard and Sedalia Kennerley Howard, was born January 23, 1908 at Franklin, Texas.

He attended the Franklin public schools. At the age of 14 years,

he worked for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Palestine, Texas. Later he became a taxi driver and bus operator in Palestine.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, August 1, 1926 and went to work for the Humble Pipe Line Company in line construction work August 3, 1926. Later he transferred to the Humble Pump Station where he became a stationary engine oiler and later was promoted to stationary engineer.

William Kirkland Howard married Lura Udell Lunsford,, daughter of John Robert Lunsford and Nancy Elizabeth Tress Lunsford, January 1, 1926. Lura Udell Lunsford Howard lived at Palestine, Texas at the time of her marriage, but the marriage took place at Rusk, Texas. Lura Udell Lunsford Howard was born December 7, 1907 at Palestine, Texas, and attended the Palestine public schools.

The following children were born to William Kirkland Howard and Lura Udell Lunsford Howard: Delma Lee Howard Nichols; Thomas Carrol Howard; Elizabeth Sedalia Howard Walker; William Kirkland Howard Jr.; and Charles David Howard. Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Howard are: Joe Thomas Nichols; Donna Kay Nichols; Robert Shaun Nichols; Ronnie Howard; Cecylia Ann Howard; Cynthia Kay Howard; Carolyn Marie Howard; and Karon Ann Walker.

Delma Lee Howard married James E. Nichols; Thomas Carroll Howard married Ceyce Howard; and Elizabeth Sedalia Howard married Carl Walker.

William Kirkland Howard has been a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department since 1936 and has served as Fire Marshal for the City of Hearne since 1952.

CLYDE LEE HUDSON, son of John Henry Hudson and Cora Lee Brown Hudson, was born May 29, 1902 at Lancaster, Texas. He attended the public schools at Lancaster and was graduated from Lancaster High School with the Class of 1923. After finishing high school he attended Texas A. & M. College.

In 1925 he was employed as Testing Engineer for the Southwestern Laboratories of Fort Worth, Texas and continued this employment until 1932. In 1932 he moved to Austin, Texas where he served as Laboratory Technician for the State Highway Department. In 1934 he became resident engineer for the State Highway Department at Dallas, Texas. From 1935 to 1940 he was Asphalt Technician for the State Highway Department in Austin. He moved to Brownwood, Texas in 1940 and served as Asphalt Engineer at Camp Bowie during 1940-41.

In 1941 he moved to Hearne, Texas to assume the managership of the Gifford-Hill & Company Asphalt Plant. In 1945 he became General Manager of the Gifford-Hill & Company plant at Hearne.

On November 18, 1925 he was married to Ola Gertrude Pannell, daughter of Franklin Pierce Pannell and Lillie Mae Warren Pan-

nell of Lancaster, Texas. Two children were born to Clyde Lee Hudson and Ola Gertrude Pannell Hudson; a son, Patton C. Hudson; and a daughter, Dorothy Jane Hudson. Patton C. Hudson married Lucille Conyers Prichard of Houston, Texas. Two children were born to Patton C. Hudson and Lucille Conyers Prichard Hudson: Deborah Pannell Hudson and Patton C. Hudson Jr.

Ola Gertrude Pannell Hudson is active in civic and cultural organizations of Hearne. She is a charter member of the Hearne Garden Club and has served as secretary of this organization; a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club and has served as President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary; a member and Past President of the Hearne Band Parents Association; a member and past Corresponding Secretary of the Hearne Music Club; a member and Past President and Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Methodist Church; served as Den Mother for Cub Scouts and served as Scout Leader for Girl Scouts; Counselor of M. Y. F. for 4 years; a member of the choir of Grace Methodist Church; and served as Counselor for Junior Music Lovers Club for 2 years.

Clyde Lee Hudson is a member of Grace Methodist Church where he served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards for 6 years; served as District Lay Reader for 2 years; Chairman of the Church Finance Committee for 2 years; a member and former Director of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member and former Director of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a former member of the Hearne City Council; a former member of the Hearne Lions Club; and devoted 15 years of service to Boy Scout work in local and district offices.

WILLIAM MACK HOLT JR., son of William Mack Holt and Ella B. Clark Holt, was born August 24, 1922 at Fort Worth, Texas. He attended the public schools of May, Texas and Fort Worth, graduating from North Side High School in Fort Worth with the Class of 1940. After finishing high school he attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, Texas.

In 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and served in the Pacific area until 1946 during World War II. He was discharged from military service with the rank of Sergeant. During 1941, prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Air Force, he served as trainee with the J. C. Penny store at Brownwood, Texas, and later was an assistant manager of the J. C. Penny Store at Hillsboro, Texas.

From 1946 to 1951 he served as assistant manager of the J. C. Penny Store in Waxahachie, Texas and in 1951-52 he was assistant manager for the K. Wolens Department Store in Hillsboro, Texas. In 1953 he was made manager of the K. Wolens Department Store in Velasco, Texas and served in this position until February 1954 when he moved to Hearne, Texas as manager of the new K. Wolens Department Store.

William Mack Holt Jr. was married to Emma Gene Hornsby of Hillsboro, Texas, daughter of Luther Thomas Hornsby and Georgia Rhoden Hornsby, January 1, 1942. Emma Gene Hornsby Holt attended the public schools of Whitney and Hillsboro, Texas. Two children were born to William Mack Holt Jr. and Emma Gene Hornsby Holt: a son, William Thomas Holt; and a daughter, Katherine Louise Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt are members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Holt is an active member of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association where she served as Chairman of the Publications Committee. William Mack Holt Jr. is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce where he has served as a director; organized, chartered, and was the first President of the Velasco, Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce; and served as a Director of the Brazosport, Texas Chamber of Commerce.

ANDREW JACKSON BRAZELTON was born November 2, 1903 at Houston, Texas, the son of Enos William Brazelton and Mollie Mills Brazelton. Later his family moved to Palestine, Texas where he attended the Palestine public schools and was graduated from Palestine High School with the Class of 1921. After completing high school he attended Texas A. & M. College for three years and the University of Texas for six years. While attending the University of Texas he played the piano in the Steve Gardner orchestra.

In 1930 he returned to Palestine, Texas and engaged in the insurance business until 1940. During 1940 he moved to Houston, Texas where he served as an accountant with the Houston Shipyards, Crown Central Petroleum Company, and Knox Drilling Company. He also worked as an auditor for the LeBlanc General Contractors and later joined the W. S. Bellows Company as field accountant. In 1951-53 he worked for the W. S. Bellows Company in San Antonio, Texas. During 1953 he moved to Harlingen, Texas where he became Chief Accountant for McKelvey Industries. During the latter part of 1953 he accepted employment as an accountant for the Lucien Reed Motor Company in Hearne, Texas but made his home in Franklin. On August 1, 1957 he moved to Hearne, Texas.

Andrew Jackson Brazelton married Annie Ruth Bush, daughter of Judge Henry A. Bush and Annie Mae Powell Bush of Franklin, Texas, August 24, 1930. A daughter, Janis Carroll Brazelton, was born to Andrew Jackson Brazelton and Annie Ruth Bush Brazelton. Janis Carroll Brazelton married Louis Grinnell Gray of Franklin, Texas. Two children were born to Janis Carroll Brazelton Gray and Louis Grinnell Gray: Rena June Gray and Joyce Ruth Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Brazelton are both active communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church; Mr. Brazelton being a member of the Vestry and Superintendent of the Church School. He is a member of

the Hearne Lions Club and while attending the University of Texas was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Mrs. Brazelton is active in church work and is also a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club and the Hearne Shakespeare Club.

SAMUEL ROSS SEALE, son of Sam Houston Seale and Mary Leathers Seale, was born August 23, 1903 at Benchley, Texas. His parents were pioneer citizens of Brazos County, Texas.

He attended the rural school at Benchley and after completing his schooling he engaged in the farming ranching business in the Benchley area. During the early 1920's he was employed in the cotton raising business on the Moreland Farm in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. He served as Constable for the Benchley Precinct during 1942-43. During this time he also served as Deputy Sheriff of Robertson County under Sheriff Bob Reeves.

During 1943 he moved to Hearne and was employed as a City Policeman and served in this capacity through June 1945. On July 1, 1945 he was appointed Game Warden in Hardin County, Texas and moved to Kountz, Texas to make his home. He worked on this job for one year and returned to Hearne on July 1, 1946 when he was appointed Game Warden for Robertson County, Texas with Hearne headquarters.

Samuel Ross Seale was married to Belva Cox, daughter of Sam Cox and Ola Davlin Cox, on May 6, 1937. He is a member of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne; a charter member of the Hearne Lodge of the Knights of Pythias which he helped to organize in 1956; and a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne. Mrs. Seale is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star where she has served as Marshal.

Samuel Ross Seale is known throughout this section of Texas and is a respected member of the law enforcement circles.

JOHN MANTON DORRELL, son of Thomas Bynam Dorrell and Emma Lou Sheppard Dorrell, was born at Barada, Texas, September 10, 1891. He attended the rural school in Pine Valley, Texas and was graduated from the Blackjack High School in East Texas with the Class of 1909. After completing his high school work he attended Sam Houston State College at Huntsville, Texas.

On May 21, 1911 he was employed by the Gulf Coast & Santa Fe Railroad Company at Cleveland, Texas and worked in this position until May 21, 1912 when he was employed by the Wells Fargo Express Company. He worked for the Wells Fargo Express Company to October 12, 1912 when he became Agent for the Gulf Coast & Santa Fe Railroad Company at Stonam, Texas and worked on this job until April 11, 1914. He returned to his home on April 13, 1916 and worked on his farm until September 12, 1916.

He entered military service with the U. S. Marines April 6, 1917

and served in the Marine Corps during World War I and received his discharge February 24, 1918.

Prior to entering military service he became employed with the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. He moved to Hearne, Texas, September 21, 1921 to continue his employment with the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. He was married to Katie Bell Henry, daughter of James Sidney Henry and Annie Clara LeFevere Henry, April 18, 1923. A son, Henry Manton Dorrell, was born to John Manton Dorrell and Katie Bell Henry Dorrell. Henry Manton Dorrell married Carolyn Bayne Arnett, daughter of Bayne K. Arnett and Carrie Ficklan Arnett of Kosse, Texas. Two sons were born to Henry Manton Dorrell and Carolyn Bayne Arnett Dorrell: Manton Bayne Dorrell and John Kevin Dorrell.

John Manton Dorrell is a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; and served as a member of the City Council of the City of Hearne for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Dorrell are members of the Grace Methodist Church of Hearne where he serves as a member of the Board of Stewards and she is a member of the W. S. C. S. Mrs. Dorrell is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

JOHN PRESTON OLIVER was born May 20, 1850 at Willmington, North Carolina. He came to Texas when he was a young man traveling with the "Yankie" Robertson Circus. The circus traveled over the country in those days in wagons. When the circus had a performance in Columbus, Texas, he quit them there and secured employment in a cotton gin in that town. Later he took up the trade of watch maker and moved around from town to town, finally settling in Caldwell, Texas.

During the early 1880's he moved to Hearne, Texas and established a jewelry store and watch repair shop. He continued to operate this business in Hearne until his death on February 29, 1924.

John Preston Oliver was married in Caldwell, Texas and the following children were born: Eugene "Bullett" Oliver, Seth R. "Tuff" Oliver, William Lynn Oliver, Foyle Oliver Woodall, and Anna Oliver Myers. After the death of his first wife, John Preston Oliver was married to Sallie Warlick who was born October 10, 1888. The following children were born to John Preston Oliver and Sallie Warlick Oliver: Thelma Oliver Gafney, Ruth Oliver James, and Louise Oliver Hartman. Sallie Warlick Oliver died November 8, 1941.

During his many years in Hearne, John Preston Oliver was one of Hearne's most respected citizens and business men. In addition to his jewelry and watch repair business he was an official watch inspector for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. He was a member of

the First Baptist Church of Hearne and a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge.

WILLIAM LYNN OLIVER, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Preston Oliver, was born in Hearne, Texas, October 10, 1889. He attended the public schools of Hearne.

During his young manhood he was employed as an electric construction lineman for the City of Hearne and also worked for the Webb Cotton Compress Company in construction work and machinery installation. This company had headquarters in Minden, Louisiana and his work carried him through all of the southern cotton states.

On October 28, 1917 he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company as a switchman in the Hearne, Texas yards.

He entered the U. S. Army March 28, 1918 and was stationed at a replacement camp at Camp Gordon, Georgia during World War I. He held the rank of Sergeant and was a gas instructor. He was discharged from military service at Camp Bowie in Fort Worth, Texas, December 24, 1918.

William Lynn Oliver married Ida Martha Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Massey, May 4, 1919. The marriage took place at the First Baptist Church of Houston, Texas. Ida Martha Massey Oliver was born in Lexington, Texas and died May 1, 1952.

William Lynn Oliver retired from active duty with the railroad on October 15, 1956 after serving 39 years. He became a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne when he was a young man and was voted a life membership in this lodge in 1957. He is also a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

VICTOR LEE LOCKETT, son of John Lockett and Sarah Elizabeth Riley Lockett, was born June 16, 1887 at Hearne, Texas. His father was born in North Carolina and his mother was born at Hackberry near Hallettsville, Texas.

Other children born to John Lockett and Sarah Elizabeth Riley Lockett were: Arthur Lockett, Nettie Lockett, and Albert "Shad" Lockett. Nettie Lockett married Sam C. Brown, early day Constable in Hearne. The following children were born to Sam C. Brown and Nettie Lockett Brown: Travis Brown, Mervin Brown and Elizabeth Brown.

Victor Lee Lockett attended the public schools of Hearne. After finishing his schooling he became a bricklayer under the supervision of J. H. Wilson and John Robb early Hearne building contractors. He was employed in this work during the construction of many of the fine old homes of Hearne and also employed on the construction of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company oil mill at Hearne. After the disastrous fire in the business district of Bremond, Texas in the

early 1900's in the employment of J. H. Wilson and John Robb he helped in the rebuilding of the business district of that town.

In 1904 he accepted employment with the Webb Cotton Compress Company with headquarters in Minden, Louisiana and worked in all of the southern cotton states in the construction of cotton compresses.

In 1917 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in France and Germany during World War I. He was discharged as a Corporal on August 7, 1919 at Camp Pike, Arkansas. He served with the 4th Division Combat Engineers.

After receiving his discharge from military service he returned to his job with the Webb Cotton Compress Company at Galveston, Texas and helped in the construction of a cotton compress in Galveston. He later was employed by Harris & Eriby Cotton Compress Company of Galveston as Chief Engineer and worked for this firm until 1930. During 1930 he moved to Houston where he was employed as engineer for the Manchester Terminal Compress & Warehouse.

In 1933 he returned to Hearne, Texas and engaged in the construction business. He is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne and was a charter member of the Woodmen of the World Lodge that was organized in Hearne in 1908.

Victor Lee Lockett, a bachelor, is one of Hearne's oldest native born citizens and continues to make his home in Hearne during his retirement.

JAKIE SILVERMAN, son of Alex Silverman and Janie Taub Silverman, was born in New York City, New York, March 8, 1904.

He moved to Franklin, Texas in 1908 and in 1909 moved to Hearne, Texas. He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1921. During his high school days he was a member of the high school football, baseball, and basketball teams. After completing his high school education he attended the University of Texas.

In 1923 he worked for the City of Hearne in the utilities department and on September 11, 1924 he began his employment with the H. & T. C. Railroad. He is Chief Clerk at the yard office and during World War II he served this railroad as yardmaster in the Hearne yards. As a sideline he wrote life insurance for several years in the late 1930's and early 1940's. He has been employed by the railroad for 34 years.

He was married to Adele Smith, daughter of William Arlington Smith and Mary Holland Whiteley Smith, July 19, 1934 at Killeen, Texas. Adele Smith Silverman attended the Gatesville public schools and was graduated from Gatesville High School with the Class of 1924. Upon completing her high school education she attended North

Texas State College at Denton, Texas where she received her B. S. Degree. Later she received her M. A. Degree from Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville, Texas. She also attended the University of Texas and Texas A. & M. College during the summer months. In 1927 Adele Smith Silverman moved to Hearne, Texas and became a teacher in the Hearne public schools. She has taught school for 31 years.

Jakie Silverman is a member and Past Master of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Austin, Texas; and a member of the Ben Hur Shrine of Austin. Mrs. Silverman is a member and former president of the Hearne Music Club. She also served as vice president, secretary, and treasurer of this organization. She is Chairman of the Parent-Teachers Association Welfare Committee; a former member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club; a member of Grace Methodist Church where she has served as President of the Dorcas Sunday School Class; a member of the Robertson County Teachers Association; and a member of the Texas State Teachers Association.

RUBY ADAMS, known to his friends as "Rube" Adams, was born August 19, 1906 at Madisonville, Kentucky, the son of William Lee Adams and Susan Pearl Barnes Adams. His father and mother were pioneers of the state of Tennessee.

In 1910 his family moved into the New Mexico territory and his father and mother set up homestead rights on a section of land (640 acres). As was the custom of the day, his father constructed a half dugout for the Adams family to live in on this homestead property.

Ruby Adams attended the public schools of Portales, New Mexico and was graduated from Elida High School in New Mexico with the Class of 1925.

After completing his high school education he became a contract painter. He was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company, September 11, 1926 at Ballinger, Texas and for the next twelve years he worked for this company in West Texas. He moved to Hearne, Texas December 17, 1938 and was employed with this company in the painting department. Later he served at station work, gauger, engine oiler, and station engineer.

Ruby Adams married Elsie Mae Stokes, daughter of John Wesley Stokes and Mary Emma Brookshire Stokes of Tyler, Texas, September 23, 1933. Elsie Mae Stokes Adams moved to Hearne, Texas in 1929 and made her home with her brother J. B. Stokes. A son, Thomas Wesley "Rusty" Adams, was born to Ruby Adams and Elsie Mae Stokes Adams, April 12, 1939. Thomas Wesley Adams attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1957 and enrolled at Baylor University. During his

grade school and high school days he was a member of the Senior Band for seven years.

Ruby Adams is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Humble Employees Federation; a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher Association; a member of the Hearne Band Parents Association; and a member of Grace Methodist Church. Elsie Mae Stokes Adams is a member of the Hearne Garden Club; the Hearne Band Parents Association; the Hearne Parent-Teacher Association; and a former member of the Hearne Study Club.

JAMES PAYNE ALLEN, son of Robert Alexander Allen and Beulah Mansell Allen, was born June 3, 1902 at Normangee, Texas. He attended the public schools of Normangee and was graduated from Normangee High School with the Class of 1917.

After completing his high school education he attended Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville, Texas. He later attended Tyler Business College at Tyler, Texas.

He completed a business course in telegraph and railroad station work and then accepted employment in December 1922 with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Jacksonville, Texas. He worked for this railroad at various locations until December 1926 when he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company. On December 18, 1926 he moved to Hearne, Texas and remained in continuous service of this company until July 31, 1958 at which time he accepted an early retirement offer rather than move away from Hearne. He was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company for nearly 32 years. During his years in Hearne, James Payne Allen, has had various business interests in addition to his employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company.

James Payne Allen married Willie Serena Wood, daughter of William Albert Wood and Addie Priscilla Greenhaw Wood of Mabank, Texas, May 2, 1923. A son, Robert Wood Allen, was born to James Payne Allen and Willie Serena Wood Allen, December 21, 1925 at Richland, Texas. Robert Wood Allen married Maribeth Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil T. Rhodes of Hearne, Texas. A daughter, Janet Gail Allen, was born to Robert Wood Allen and Maribeth Rhodes Allen.

James Payne Allen and Mrs. Allen are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne and Mrs. Allen is a member of the Hearne Garden Club.

FRANK COTROPIA, son of Carl Cotropia and Beatrice Palermo Cotropia, was born in the Brazos Bottom in Brazos County, Texas, June 10, 1910. His father and mother were born in Italy.

He attended the rural school at Stone City in Brazos County and later attended the public schools of Houston. He was graduated

from Sam Houston High School in Houston with the Class of 1928. During his high school days he was a member of the Sam Houston High School baseball team.

After completing his schooling he became engaged in farming in the Brazos Bottom with his father. During 1928 his father bought the Moreland Farm in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. This farm consisted of 514 acres. In 1932, in partnership with his brothers, Lawrence Cotropia and Anthony Cotropia, he bought 318 acres in the Brazos Bottom which made a total of 832 acres the Cotropia boys and their father owned and farmed. This partnership was later dissolved when the total acres owned and operated was 1575.

His parents, Carl Cotropia and Beatrice Palermo Cotropia were married in 1895. Carl Cotropia was born April 25, 1865 and died June 24, 1943. Beatrice Palermo Cotropia was born March 15, 1878 and died December 15, 1940.

After his parents had been in the United States for a while, they went back to Italy and lived there for two years, later returning to America to make their home. Upon their return they purchased 100 acres in the Brazos Bottom and raised cotton.

Frank Cotropia was married to Mary Ann DeStefano, daughter of Charles DeStefano and Lena Venteciola DeStefano, November 14, 1937. A daughter, Beatrice Joyce Cotropia, was born September 27, 1941 to Frank Cotropia and Mary Ann DeStefano Cotropia.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cotropia are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church where Mrs. Cotropia is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society and a Sunday School Teacher. Frank Cotropia is a member of St. Mary's Men's Club.

MARTIN HENNESSY, son of James Hennessy and Bridget Reidy Hennessy, was born February 14, 1885 at Lissycasey, County Clare, Ireland. He attended the school in his home town when he was a boy and worked on the family farm.

He came to the United States and landed in New York, July 5, 1910. For ten months he worked in a paper mill in Pennyan, New York. In 1911 he moved to Chicago and spent the next four years as a life insurance salesman.

During 1918 he heard about the famous Cotton Palace Show in Waco, Texas and he got the urge to see this show. He decided to come to Texas but he only got as far as Denison and accepted a job with the Missouri-Kansas & Texas Railroad and never did get to see the Cotton Palace Show.

In 1923 he moved to Lima, Ohio and worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad until 1926 when he came back to Texas and went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad, July 17, 1926 at Ennis, Texas. On August 16, 1926 he moved to Hearne, Texas and worked as a car repairman in the Hearne shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He retired January 1, 1954 after 36 years of railroad service.

He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of Amreica Lodge No. 437, is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and a naturalized American citizen. He made visits to Ireland in 1950 and 1954.

Martin Hennessy is typical of the many Irishmen who came to America to work on the railroads of this nation. He has many friends and is known for his friendly Irish wit. Martin Hennessy is a bachelor.

ARTHUR SPURGEON COLLINS, son of Reverend Andrew Jackson Collins and Tema Brown Collins, was born March 10, 1894 at Rosebud, Texas.

He attended the schools at Ben Arnold, Texas and Burlington, Texas in Milam County. After finishing his schooling he owned and operated a tailor shop in Burlington, Texas and later became a salesman for the Cheeves Brothers Dry Goods Company in Cameron. He also worked for Green's Grocery Company in Cameron.

On November 21, 1921 he moved to Hearne, Texas and was employed by the Farrar Lumber Company until August 1922. In 1922 he worked as an electrician for the City of Hearne and continued in this employment until February 1924. From February 1924 until June 28, 1943 he was employed by the Hamilton Dry Goods Company of Hearne. On June 29, 1943 he became employed by the Pacific Fruit Express Company of Hearne.

He was married to Elizabeth Hargrove, daughter of Alex Murray Hargrove and Mary Ella Busby Hargrove, December 25, 1915 at Cameron, Texas. Two children were born to Arthur Spurgeon Collins and Elizabeth Hargrove Collins; a son, Arthur Spurgeon Collins Jr. and a daughter, Doris Collins who was married to Winston Sanders. A son, Winston Sanders Jr. was born to Winston Sanders and Doris Collins Sanders.

Arthur Spurgeon Collins and Elizabeth Hargrove Collins are both members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He has been a Deacon in this church since 1924 and also served as Director of the B. T. U. for eight years; Department Superintendent for five years; Chairman of the Finance Committee for two years; Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee for two years; a member of the Baptist Choir for 33 years; and active in the Baptist Brotherhood organization for nine years. He was also an active member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years. Mrs. Collins is also active in church and has been a member of the Hearne Garden Club for ten years.

ERNEST ERLE SLAGLE, son of John Henry Slagle and Kate Burford Slagle, was born June 2, 1886 at Garrett in Ellis County, Texas. His father was a native of Kentucky and his mother was born in Texas.

He attended school at Garrett and was graduated from high

school in 1903. After finishing high school he attended telegraphy school in Dallas and began his railroad career as a telegrapher at the Garrett station of the H. & T. C. Railroad in 1903, at the age of 17 years. In 1910 he was made a dispatcher with this same railroad in Ennis, Texas. He worked on this job until he was promoted to Train-master in 1924.

In 1926, with his family he moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home and continue his duties with the railroad.

Ernest Erle Slagle married Minnie Leigh, daughter of Richard Henry Leigh and Mattie Jacques Leigh, March 21, 1906 at Corsicana, Texas. Her father was born in East Texas and her mother was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Minnie Leigh Slagle was born at New Boston, Texas, September 13, 1888. Five children were born to Ernest Erle Slagle and Minnie Leigh Slagle: four daughters, Julia Slagle, Martha Slagle, Marie Slagle, and Sarah Slagle; and a son, Lucien Erle Slagle. All of the Slagle children except Julia Slagle are graduates of Hearne high school. Julia Slagle graduated from Ennis High School.

Ernest Erle Slagle retired from railroad service in 1930 and went into the insurance business. He became Division Manager for the Universal Life & Accident Insurance Company and served in this capacity until his death in 1941. He was a member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369; a member of the Mystic Shrine of Karem Temple of Waco; and the Ennis Council No. 181 and Waxahachie Commandery No. 71 Knights Templar. Mrs. Slagle is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; the Hearne Garden Club; and the Baptist Women's Missionary Union.

CONARD CULBERSON MILLER, son of James Norman Miller and Cora McClure Miller, was born August 27, 1896 at Bald Prairie, Texas. He attended the rural schools of Cold Branch, Bald Prairie, and New Baden in Robertson County.

After finishing his schooling he farmed in the eastern part of Robertson County and also did carpenter work. He later was employed with a bridge gang of the I. & G. N. Railroad and also served as a water station pump operator for this railroad.

In September 1938 with his family he moved to Hearne, Texas and farmed for several years.

He was married to Olga Ann Reichert, daughter of George Carl Reichert and Annie Hiltpolt Reichert, May 30, 1914 at Franklin, Texas. Eight children were born to Conard Culberson Miller and Olga Ann Reichert Miller: Marguerite Miller Wilkins, Maurice Miller Cude, Edwin Miller, Clara Marie Miller Sharp, Thomas C. Miller, Frances Miller McCarver, J. C. Miller, and Charles Miller. Edwin C. Miller married Connie Fleetwood; Thomas C. Miller married Evelyn Melton; J. C. Miller married Martha Jo Melton; and Charles Miller married Judy Middleton.

Conard Culberson Miller is a member of the Church of Christ and Olga Ann Reichert Miller is a member of the First Baptist Church.

BENJAMIN CARL FIESELER, son of William Fieseler and Emma Bertha Altman Fieseler, was born August 29, 1905 at West, McLennan County, Texas. He attended the public schools in Lexington and Rockdale, Texas and was graduated from Thorndale High School with the Class of 1923.

After finishing his high school education he engaged in the grocery business. He moved to Hearne, Texas, February 22, 1932.

He was married to May Guthrie, daughter of John Wesley Guthrie and Addie Comore Turner Guthrie, of Rockdale, Texas, November 2, 1929. May Guthrie Fieseler was born at Rockdale, Texas, April 10, 1910. She graduated from Rockdale High School and was a member of the high school Dramatic Club at Rockdale.

Ben and May Fieseler have been active in the business circles of Hearne. They have been in the grocery business, ladies ready-to-wear business, the service station business, and now own and operate the Tot & Teen Shop on Market Street in Hearne. Ben Fieseler has also been associated with several automobile agencies in Hearne. Prior to moving to Hearne, May Fieseler taught in public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Fieseler are both active in church work being communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church where he has served on the Vestry and as Church Treasurer. May Fieseler is a member of the Hearne Garden Club and the Hearne Study Club.

CHARLES EDMOND SMITH, son of Charles Lewis Smith and Sallie Armer Smith, was born May 16, 1891 at Hempstead, Texas.

After his schooling he farmed from 1910 to 1922 in Waller County and Grimes County.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, August 9, 1922 and went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company as a car inspector and worked for this railroad until his retirement July 1, 1956. He spent 34 years in railroad service.

He married Julia Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of Dick G. Mitchell and Molly Elizabeth Tompkins Mitchell, December 1, 1910 at Hempstead, Texas. Three children were born to Charles Edmond Smith and Julia Elizabeth Mitchell Smith: Kathryn Elizabeth Smith who married Andrew C. Love Jr.; Molly Mildred Smith who married Claude Nathaniel Chaffin; and Julia Ann Smith who married Rex Z. Michael. Grandchildren of Charles Edmond Smith and Julia Elizabeth Mitchell Smith are: Ermine Michael and Margie Michael.

Julia Elizabeth Michell Smith was born December 12, 1892 at Hempstead, Texas and died January 28, 1947.

On June 14, 1949, Charles Edmond Smith married Maude Wallace Henderson, a widow. Two sons were born to Maude Wallace

Henderson by her first marriage to Richard P. Henderson: Richard Henderson and William Henderson. Grandchildren of Richard P. Henderson and Maude Wallace Henderson are Richard Henderson Jr. and Plez Henderson.

Charles Edmond Smith is a member of the First Baptist Church where he has served on the Board of Deacons since 1922; Sunday School Superintendent for ten years; taught the Intermediate Boys Class for five years; and served as Chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee for ten years. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World; a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen of America; and represented the Local No. 337 at the International Convention in Chicago when the members of this organization of the United States and Canada met in 1947.

Since his retirement from the railroad in 1956, Charles Edmond Smith has engaged in farming and ranching activities in Hearne.

JOHN RALPH BARLETT was born in Forest, Ohio, May 1, 1882. His parents were pioneer settlers in Ohio and were formerly from New York. His father constructed one of the first lime kilns in the state of Ohio.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in 1906 and worked as a switchman in the Hearne yards for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. In 1914 he moved to Boyce, Louisiana and went into private business. Later in that same year he returned to Hearne and worked for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company.

In 1915 he was employed as a salesman for a flour company and traveled throughout Central Texas in this work.

During the 1920's, in partnership with Max Dotson, he owned and operated one of the first drive-in service stations in Texas, this business being located on the corner of Market & Fourth Streets in Hearne. In the late 1930's he owned and operated the Mecca Tavern in Hearne and later constructed and operated the Acme Tourist Courts on Brown Street.

After the death of his first wife he was married to Cornelia C. Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Banks of Hearne. Cornelia Banks Barlett was born January 22, 1883 and died August 9, 1932. A daughter, Beth Barlett Campbell, was born to John Ralph Barlett and Cornelia Banks Barlett. Two other daughters, Dorothy Barlett West and Pauline Barlett Hornsby were born to John Ralph Barlett and his first wife. After the death of Cornelia Banks Barlett, John Ralph Barlett was married to Ruby Dodson Long, a widow. Ruby Dodson Long Barlett has a son, Raymond Long.

John Ralph Barlett was most active in the Masonic Lodge. He first joined the Masonic Lodge at Boyce, Louisiana, October 2, 1914 and his membership was transferred to the Golden Rule Lodge of Hearne, Texas, November 12, 1914. In the Golden Rule Masonic

Lodge of Hearne he served as Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Senior Deacon, and Worshipful Master. He was made a Life Member of Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, Texas in 1948. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of Galveston, Texas and a Charter Member of the Ben Hur Shrine of Austin. In 1949 he was Shriner of the Month and served as Deputy Potentate of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple of Waco in 1953.

John Ralph Barlett died May 27, 1954.

BENJAMIN LAYFETTE TANNER, son of Pleasant Tanner and Mary Jane Hare Tanner, was born March 29, 1868 at Coleta, Polk County, Texas. He attended the small rural school at Coleta, this school being located near Livingston, Texas.

During his young manhood he farmed in the Kickapoo community in Polk County. He was married to Ellen Benjamin Hickman, daughter of Jesse E. Hickman and Mary Ann Overton Hickman, February 17, 1891 in the Hickman home at Carlisle, Texas. Six children were born to Benjamin Layfette Tanner and Ellen Benjamin Hickman Tanner: Burl H. Tanner, Olive Tanner Nelson, Glynn H. Tanner, Daphne O. Tanner, Sherman E. Tanner, and Harvey Lee Tanner.

Ellen Benjamin Hickman Tanner lived in the Hickman Survey in East Texas, this land being granted to her father, Jessie E. Hickman from the State of Texas.

Benjamin Layfette Tanner and his family moved to Trinity, Texas in 1909. He began work with the Beaumont & Great Northern Railroad and worked for this company until 1919 when he and his family moved to Hearne, Texas. In 1919 he worked for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company at Hearne. In 1922 most of the workmen in the Hearne repair yards went out on general strike and Benjamin Layfette Tanner did not return to his job after the strike. He was employed in general carpenter work until his retirement.

Benjamin Layfette Tanner was a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Baptist Church. Ellen B. Tanner was a member of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne.

CLARENCE JOPLIN ALLEN, son of George Washington Allen and Rachel Catherine Garrison Allen, was born December 12, 1891 at Hempstead, Texas. He attended the public schools at Hempstead.

During World War I he served in the U. S. Army. After his discharge from military service he returned to his home in Hempstead and engaged in farming and ranching.

On August 9, 1922 he moved to Hearne, Texas and went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company as a car inspector in the Hearne yards. He retired from railroading January 4, 1957 after completing 34 years of service.

He was married to Ollie Nora Bennatt, daughter of Fulton Elli-

son Bennett and Irene Bell Bennett, February 16, 1918 at San Antonio, Texas. Ollie Nora Bennett Allen was born October 18, 1901 at Hempstead, Texas. She attended the public schools of Hempstead.

Two children were born to Clarence Joplin Allen and Ollie Nora Bennett Allen: a daughter, Jewel Allen Henderson, born at Hearne, Texas, July 30, 1922; and a son, Clarence Joplin Allen Jr., born at Hearne, Texas, December 18, 1923. Clarence Joplin Allen and Ollie Nora Bennett Allen have two grandchildren: James Richard Henderson and Harrison Joplin Allen.

Clarence Joplin "Bubba" Allen Jr. attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School. Later he attended Texas A. & M. where he was graduated. He entered the automobile business in Hearne after finishing his education and later served several terms as a member of the Hearne City Council. He also was a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce, the Hearne Lions Club, and the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post. He served in the armed forces during World War II as a commissioned officer and rode the first jeep through Brenner Pass in Italy when that area was captured by the U. S. forces.

Jewel Allen also attended the Hearne schools and was graduated from Hearne High School. She received her college degree from Baylor University. Jewel Allen married Richard Henderson, son of Richard P. Henderson and Maude Wallace Henderson.

Clarence Joplin Allen is a member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post, and a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen of America. After his retirement from the railroad in 1957 he continued private business operations in Hearne.

WALTER LYLE REED, son of James Rufus Reed and Susan Elizabeth Hudson Reed, was born October 25, 1904 at Llano, Texas.

He attended grade school at Gonzales, Texas and was graduated from Odem High School at Odem, Texas with the Class of 1921. He was employed by the Peterson Garage in Kerrville, Texas from 1929 to 1934. In 1934 he was employed as service manager for the Kerrville Bus Company and continued in this employment until 1941. He served as service manager for Normoyle Ordnance Base, San Antonio, Texas during 1941 and 1942.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in February 1942 and entered the automobile business, this business being located on the corner of Fourth & Cedar Streets. This firm was known as the W. L. Reed Motor Company. In 1943 he moved this business to the corner of Third & Market Streets. In 1954 he constructed a new garage building at 1208 Market Street and moved his business to this location.

On August 6, 1937 he was married to Mary Eleanor Brady, daughter of Peter Louis Brady Jr. and Olive McWilliams Brady, at

Austin, Texas. Eleanor Brady Reed was born February 17, 1915 at Hearne, Texas. She attended the public schools in Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1932. Later she attended Draughons Business College in Austin, Texas. Two sons were born to Walter Lyle Reed and Mary Eleanor Brady Reed: Walter Lyle Reed Jr., born September 2, 1939 and Ronald Lynn Reed, born December 14, 1944. After the death of her father, Peter Louis Brady Jr. Eleanor Reed was appointed on February 24, 1957 to serve the unexpired term of her father as County Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 Robertson County, Texas. Walter Lyle Reed and Eleanor Brady Reed are members of the First Baptist Church and Mrs. Reed is a former member of the Hearne Garden Club.

LLOYD ALEXANDER HUEY, son of William Robert Huey and Emma Lou Diamond Huey, was born January 16, 1907 at Pittsburg, Texas. He attended public school at Pittsburg and was graduated from Pittsburg High School with the Class of 1926.

After completing high school he attended Texas A. & M. College. He served as sales manager for the Wes Cooksey Motor Company and the Gordon Motor Company in Beaumont, Texas. He also worked in the oil fields of Texas during his early manhood.

In 1946 he moved to Hearne, Texas where he established the Huey Motor Company on Market Street. Later he served as sales manager for the Clark Chevrolet Company in Hearne. He established a Ford dealership in Calvert, Texas.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy Seabees in December 1942 and served as Chief Machinist Mate in the Pacific area during World War II, receiving his discharge from military service in September 1945.

He was married to Jimmie Lee Johnson, daughter of Robert Madison Johnson and Mary Wyler Carter Johnson, May 31, 1942 at Beaumont, Texas. Lloyd Alexander Huey was a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple of Austin, a member of the Robertson County A. & M. Club, and a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce. Jimmie Lee Johnson Huey is a former member of the Hearne Garden Club and a past president of that organization, later being an honorary member of this club.

Lloyd Alexander Huey died January 1, 1957.

ROSS CASH, son of Joe T. Cash and Lena Woodyard Cash, was born at Bryan, Texas, July 9, 1917. His father was born in Italy and came to the United States to make his home when he was a young man. His mother was born in Brazos County, Texas.

Ross Cash attended grade school at Smetana in Brazos County and Mumford in Robertson County. In 1931 he entered Hearne high school and played football on the Hearne High School Eagle

team in 1931-32-33-34. He was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1935.

In 1936 he started farming and ranching in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and in 1958 is farming and ranching 2000 acres in this area.

He was married to Rosa Lee Ferrara, daughter of Joe Ferrara and Lena Altimore Ferrara, October 28, 1935. Rosa Lee Ferrara Cash was born in Hearne, Texas, November 18, 1918. Her father, Joe Ferrara, was born in Italy. Her mother, Lena Altimore Ferrara, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Altimore, pioneer citizens of Hearne. Two children were born to Ross Cash and Rosa Lee Ferrara Cash: a daughter, Lena Rosa Cash, born November 28, 1939, who married Richard N. Morris; and a son, Joseph Ross Cash, who was born December 3, 1944.

Ross Cash and Rosa Lee Ferrara Cash are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mrs. Cash is a member of the Altar Society. Ross Cash is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Knights of Columbus; the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; the Robertson County Farm Bureau; the Farmers Union Association; the Old Cotton Belt Association; is a stockholder and vice president of the Wood Switch Gin Company; a member of the Production Credit Corporation; a stockholder in the Federal Land Bank of Bryan; a member of the Hearne Quarterback Club; and has served on various committees of the Hearne Alfalfa Fiesta.

SAM DeGELIA, son of Carmello Joseph DeGelia and Josephine Depuma DeGelia, was born in Brazos County, Texas, September 1, 1912. His father was born in Italy and his mother was born in Louisiana.

He attended school at Stone City and Mudville in Brazos County. In 1929 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Valley and located at Valley Junction where he farmed with his father. He also attended Hearne High School and played football with the Hearne High School Eagles in 1929-30.

In 1935 he began farming and ranching on his own in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and in 1958 is farming and ranching 2000 acres.

He was married to Beatrice Amos, daughter of James and Dora Amos of Calvert, Texas, March 17, 1935. Beatrice Amos DeGelia was born at Mart, Texas, June 13, 1917.

Three children were born to Sam DeGelia and Beatrice Amos DeGelia: Sam Carmello DeGelia, Cynthia Ann DeGelia, and Linda Marie DeGelia. Sam Carmello DeGelia married Virginia Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall. A daughter, Tamia Jean DeGelia was born to Sam Carmello DeGelia and Virginia Marshall DeGelia. Virginia Marshall DeGelia was reared in Hearne and attended Hearne High School.

Sam DeGelia and Beatrice Amos DeGelia are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; the Old Cotton Belt Association; a stockholder and director of the Westbrook Valley Gin Company; and a stockholder and secretary of the Hearne Steel Company, a firm he helped to establish in Hearne in 1958.

RANDALL JARVIS ROGERS was born September 26, 1913 at Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of James Ernest Rogers and Elta Nola McLaughlin Rogers.

With his family he moved to Hearne, Texas in September 1922 and attended the Hearne public schools. After completing his schooling, he enlisted in the U. S. Marines and served during 1933 through 1935. After receiving his discharge from military duty, he returned to Hearne and worked as an automobile salesman from 1935 to 1937. In 1937 he operated his own service station in Hearne until 1942 when he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as a clerk in the Hearne yards.

He married Willie Mae Pack, daughter of William Wilson Pack and Ivy Melinda Barnett Pack, June 6, 1936. Willie Mae Pack Rogers was born at Franklin, Texas, January 18, 1918 and later moved to Hearne with her family. She is a graduate of Hearne High School. Three children were born to Randall Jarvis Rogers and Willie Mae Pack Rogers: Jimmy Rogers, Carol Ann Rogers, and Randy Rogers. Jimmy Rogers is a graduate of Hearne High School and is attending the University of Texas.

Randall Jarvis Rogers is a long time member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department and has held various offices in that organization. He is vice president of the Hearne Public Library; a member of the Hearne Housing Authority of the City of Hearne; and a member of the First Baptist Church. Willie Mae Pack Rogers is a member of the First Baptist Church where she is active in the church choir; is a charter member of the Hearne Study Club; and a member of the Hearne Music Lovers Club.

EDWARD BYRON PRIESTLY was born in Houston, Texas, August 26, 1926, the son of Hubert Byron Priestly and Annie Belle Jennings Priestly. With his family he moved to Grand Prairie, Texas where he attended the first two years of grade school. He moved to Hearne, Texas where he completed grade school and entered Hearne high school where he was graduated with the Class of 1945. During his high school days he played football, baseball, and basketball. He was also a member of the Hearne Eagles track team. After completing his high school education he entered the U. S. Army and took his military training at North Camp Hood, Texas in the tank destroyers.

In August 1945 he went overseas and was stationed in the Pacific area at Manila. He received his discharge from military service in September 1946 and entered Southwest Texas State College where he received his BBA Degree in January 1950. After finishing his college work he was employed by the Alamo Lumber Company at Bay City, Texas from February 1950 to August 1951. In September 1951 he accepted employment with the Johns-Manville Corporation of Corpus Christi, Texas and worked for this firm as a salesman in the Corpus Christi and Rio Grande Valley area until August 1957. In September 1957 he returned to Hearne where he became associated with his father in the Priestly Lumber Company.

Edwrad Byron Priestly married Louise Belle Clemons, daughter of Lewis Carroll Clemons and Pearl Roberts Clemons of Bartlett, Texas, September 3, 1948. Louise Belle Clemons Priestly attended the public schools of Bartlett and was graduated from Bartlett High School with the Class of 1946. She attended Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos, Texas and received her BS degree in January 1950. Two children were born to Edward Byron Priestly and Louise Belle Clemons Priestly: Robert Byron Priestly and Suzanne Priestly. Louise Belle Clemons Priestly is a member of Grace Methodist Church; the Green Thumb Garden Club; Women's Society of Christian Service; a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and the A. A. U. W. Edward Byron Priestly is a member of Grace Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Stewards. He is also a member of the Hearne Lions Club; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge; Committee Chairman for the Boy Scouts; a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association; a member of the Calvert Country Club; a former member of the Rio Grande Valley Lumberman's Association; and a former member of the Bay City Masonic Lodge.

HARVEY CARL HOFFMAN, son of Alfred L. Hoffman and Annie Kuehne Hoffman, was born February 20, 1926 in Waco, Texas. He attended the Waco public schools and was graduated from Waco High School with the Class of 1944.

After finishing high school he entered the U. S. Navy, July 12, 1944 and served during World War II. He received his military discharge June 11, 1946. He entered Baylor University in September 1946 and attended this school for two years. Later he worked for the Clifton Manufacturing Company in Waco and the Andrew Brown Paint Company at Irving, Texas. He entered the Four C Business College in Waco in August 1948 and graduated from this school in February 1949. In February 1949 he accepted temporary employment with the Bureau of the Census in Waco and later worked for the William Cameron Company, the Retail Credit Association, and the Interstate Securities Company of Waco.

In March 1953 he moved to Hearne, Texas to accept employment as office manager of the Paley Reed Motors.

Harvey Carl Hoffman married Eleanor Mount, daughter of Milton M. Mount and Ruth Bruyere Mount of Waco, Texas, March 6, 1947. Eleanor Mount Hoffman attended the Waco public schools and was graduated from Waco High School with the Class of 1944. She attended Baylor University and was graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree. Two children were born to Harvey Carl Hoffman and Eleanor Mount Hoffman: a daughter, Margaret Lou Hoffman; and a son, Paul James Hoffman.

Eleanor Mount Hoffman taught school for four years in the Waco public schools and one year in the Hearne public schools. Later she taught kindergarten school in Hearne for one year. She is a member of Grace Methodist Church where she is also a member of the Thelma Cunningham Church Circle, and a member of the Green Thumb Garden Club.

Harvey Carl Hoffman is a member of Grace Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Stewards; is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; serves as Superintendent of the Sunday School of Grace Methodist Church; is a member of the Hearne Lions Club; and a member and past President of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department.

FRED CHARLES FERRARA, son of Charles Ferrara and Charlotte Trentacost Ferrara, was born at Hearne, Texas, January 26, 1920

He attended grade school at Mumford and Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1939. He was awarded the American Farmer Degree by the National Future Farmers of America organization at Kansas City, Missouri in 1940, and served as a member of the State Executive Board of the Future Farmers of America for two years.

After finishing high school in 1939 he farmed in the Hearne Brazos Bottom with his father and in 1942 he purchased his first farm, a 260 acre tract of land in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. In 1943 he bought an interest in a cotton gin in the Brazos Bottom and operated this gin for one year. In 1944 he bought 100 more acres in the Brazos Bottom.

During 1946 he purchased an interest in The Fair Dry Goods Company of Hearne and later bought an interest in this same firm in Franklin. In 1950 he bought an interest in The Fair Dry Goods Company in Bremond. In 1951 he bought the entire interest in the Fair Dry Goods Company in Franklin and in 1956 purchased the entire stock of the Fair Dry Goods Company in Hearne. During 1956 he purchased 300 more acres of land in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. He lived in Franklin for a short time but returned to Hearne in 1951.

On February 16, 1941 he was married to Anne Marie Denena, daughter of Leon Denena and Maria Corona Denena at Hearne, Texas. Anne Marie Denena Ferrara attended school at Mumford and Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1940. Three children were born to Fred Charles Ferrara and Anne Marie Denena Ferrara: Charlotte Ann Ferrara, Marie Bernadette Ferrara, and Madeline Ferrara.

Fred Charles Ferrara and Annie Marie Ferrara are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of St. Mary's Men's Club; a member of the Knights of Columbus; the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; the Franklin Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hearne Lions Club; served as business manager for the first Girl Scout day camp to be held in Hearne in 1958; and served as a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District. In 1939 he was the youngest member to ever join the Hearne Rotary Club being 19 years old at the time he became a member.

JACK VICTOR MULDROW, son of Claude Clifford Muldrow and Mae Belle Breedlove Muldrow, was born January 3, 1916 at Clarita, Oklahoma. He attended school at Achille, Oklahoma and graduated from Achille High School with the Class of 1933.

After completing high school he attended Southwest State College at Durant, Oklahoma, the University of Houston, and North Texas State College. He received his B. A. Degree from Southeast State College in 1938 and his Master of Education Degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1948. While attending college he was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Red Red Rose.

From 1938 through 1940 he taught school in Oklahoma and in 1941 and 1942 he worked at Dallas, Texas for the North American Company in a defense plant. In 1942 he enlisted in the U. S. Merchant Marines and in 1944 he served in the U. S. Army during World War II and received his discharge in 1947. From 1947 to 1949 he taught school at LaMarque, Texas, and in 1949 he was Junior High School Principal at Haskell, Texas. In 1950 to 1952 he served as high school principal at San Augustine, Texas. He spent 1952-53 attending North Texas State College working on his Doctor of Education degree. In 1953 he was elected high school principal at Hearne, Texas and moved to Hearne August 1, 1953.

He was married to Billie Ruth Price, daughter of Alonzo V. Price and Leona Tucker Price, at Edinburg, Texas, June 4, 1954. Billie Ruth Price Muldrow attended elementary school at Fulbright, Texas and was graduated from Fulbright High School. She attended North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, Texas and received her B. A. Degree from this school. She later attended the University of Oklahoma and received her Master of Education Degree.

Jack Victor Muldrow is a member of the Church of Christ; a

member of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the Hearne Quarterback Club; a member of the Texas State Teachers Association; a member of the Secondary School Principals Association; a member of the Masonic Lodge; and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

THE REV. BUFORD HARRELL, son of Warren Buford Harrell and Willie Mae Love Harrell, was born July 28, 1926 at Rusk, Texas.

He was educated at Nacogdoches, Texas High School, Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Texas, and Baylor University of Waco. While attending Baylor University he served as Pastor of the Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Waco. From 1952 to 1955 he was Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Mont Belvieu, Texas.

He received a call from the First Baptist Church of Hearne, Texas and moved to Hearne May 1, 1955 to accept this pastorate. During his residence in Hearne he has become one of the most outstanding ministers in this area. In 1959 he will be one of 63 Southern Baptist ministers that will go to Great Britain and France on a preaching mission. This group will also visit the Holy Land before returning to the United States.

Buford Harrell married Dorothy Lucille Rutledge of Gonzales, Texas, daughter of Elmer O. Rutledge and Irene Pearson Rutledge, September 5, 1944 at Brownwood, Texas. Two children were born to Buford Harrell and Dorothy Lucille Rutledge Harrell: Susan Lu Harrell and Sally Jo Harrell.

Buford Harrell is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star and Mrs. Harrell is a member of the Eastern Star. While he has been serving as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hearne, Buford Harrell has served the Baptist denomination in the following capacities: Vice President of the Board of Directors of Latham Spring Encampment, a member of the District 14 Baptist Executive Board, and in 1957 he toured the state of Texas speaking on behalf of the Texas Baptist Children's Home.

EFFIE LUTHER TAYLOR, daughter of Luther Calvin Taylor and Caroline Margaret Taylor, was born at Hearne, Texas, September 4, 1884. She attended the rural school at Henry Prairie in Robertson County and also the Hearne public schools. She was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1902.

After completing high school, she attended Baylor College where she received her B. L. and B. A. Degrees. She also attended the University of Chicago, the University of California, and Columbia University. She received her Masters Degree from Columbia University. She also did considerable work toward her doctorate in English.

Miss Effie, as she was affectionately known to everyone, began her school teaching career in 1904 in the Cole Branch school. Later she taught for eight years in the Hearne public schools and was prin-

cipal of Hearne High School for two years. She left Hearne in 1915 and taught English in Franklin High School for four years; taught at Marlin High School for four years; taught at Bonham High School for four years; and in 1927 she accepted a position with the East Texas State College in Commerce, Texas where she taught English for 25 years.

In 1954 she retired from the teaching profession and ended a career in the teaching field that lasted over 50 years.

Miss Effie endeared herself to the school children of Hearne during the years she taught in the Hearne public schools. She is listed in two nationally known organizations: "Who's Who In American Education," and "Who's Who In America."

In 1958, fifty years since she began her teaching career, Miss Effie makes her home in Commerce, Texas, but throughout the years has kept in touch with her many friends in Hearne and has continued to maintain her interest in Hearne and her many former students.

Other children born to Luther Calvin Taylor and Caroline Margaret Taylor are: Lula Taylor (Mrs. M. L. Donnell of Fort Worth, Texas); Lizzie Taylor (Mrs. R. W. Cole of Franklin, Texas); Willie Taylor (Mrs. G. P. Dickson of Dallas, Texas); Agnes Taylor of Dallas, Texas; Verna Taylor (Mrs. G. O. Wilson of Houston, Texas); and a brother, Alfred E. Taylor of Baytown, Texas.

Her mother, Caroline Margaret Taylor, was born at Beaumont, Texas and her father, Luther Calvin Taylor, was born at Jackson, Mississippi.

WOODROW WILSON McLEROY, son of James M. McLeroy and Elizabeth Jane Eaton McLeroy, was born at Cobb Prairie in Robertson County, Texas, December 1, 1888. His father was born in Mississippi in 1836 and his mother was born in the eastern part of Robertson County, Texas in 1854.

He attended the rural schools in his home community and later attended the public school in Franklin, Texas. During his boyhood and early manhood he lived on the family farm and learned farming from his father.

In 1927 he moved to Franklin, Texas where he continued his farming and also did carpenter work in that area.

In October 1928, with his family he moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home. He continued his profession of contracting and carpenter work.

Woodrow Wilson McLeroy and Pearl Irene Melton were married December 19, 1907. Mrs. McLeroy's parents were Hatch Hiram Melton who was born in Mississippi in 1865, and Mary Chenoweth Melton, who was born in Texas in 1872.

Three children were born to Woodrow Wilson McLeroy and

Pearl Irene Melton McLeroy: Donald M. McLeroy who married Maurine Self, daughter of Luther Talmadge Self and Minnie Bell Peel Self; Ozell McLeroy Thibedeaux; and Walter Weldon McLeroy.

Woodrow Wilson McLeroy and Pearl Irene Melton McLeroy are members of the Baptist Church and he is a former member of the Woodmen of the World.

In 1942, Mr. and Mrs. McLeroy purchased the old Frankie Armstrong and Selby Hearne Beverley home located on the corner of Magnolia and Davis Streets in Hearne. This home is the oldest building standing in Hearne in 1958. This building was built in the late 1860's and was then located on the corner of Barton and Post Oak Streets and was used as the first Union Church building in Hearne. When the I. & G. N. Railroad came to Hearne in the early 1870's, this building was moved to its present site when the Hearne business district shifted from south Hearne.

COLONEL HERMAN HENRY SPOEDE, son of William Spoede and Pauline Koehler Spoede, was born at Secaucus, New Jersey, August 25, 1892. He attend the public school at Secaucus and was graduated from the Staten Island High School in New York with the Class of 1908.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1917 and served in the U. S. Army during World War I. In 1919 he moved to Texas and farmed in Austin County until 1934. He continued in the army reserve and in 1934 became active and was promoted to Captain. During World War II he served in India, China, and the European Theater with the rank of Lt. Colonel. In 1947 he was promoted to Colonel and continued in military service until his retirement in 1952.

In August 1952 he moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home after his retirement from military service.

Colonel Herman Henry Spoede was married to Elizabeth Yeager Guyler, daughter of Robert William Guyler and Amanda Franklin Poindexter Guyler, December 23, 1919. The marriage was performed at Wallis, Texas. The following children were born to Colonel Herman Henry Spoede and Elizabeth Yeager Guyler Spoede: Herman Henry Spoede Jr. who was killed in action in the Pacific area during World War II; Stuart Lee Spoede of the U. S. Navy; and Captain Robert Spoede of the regular U. S. Army. The following are grandchildren of Colonel Herman Henry Spoede and Elizabeth Yeager Guyler Spoede: Herman Henry Spoede III; Louise Spoede; Stuart Lee Spoede II, Rebecca Spoede, and David Spoede.

Colonel and Mrs. Herman Henry Spoede are communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church where he has served as a member of the Vestry and as Senior Warden. He is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; helped to organize the

American Legion Post at Wallis, Texas; is a former member of the Bellville, Texas American Legion Post; and is a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District. Mrs. Spoele is a member of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Philips Episcopal Church; a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club; and a former member of the Hearne Garden Club.

ALLEN RHODES WEEKS, son of James Francis Weeks and Tabitha Weeks, was born September 24, 1888 at Durant, Mississippi. He attended the public schools of West, Mississippi and later attended special school for a year in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In July 1912 he moved to Hearne, Texas where he accepted employment in the office of the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. Prior to having moved to Hearne he held similar employment with this railroad in Bryan and Calvert, Texas.

In 1917 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served for two years during World War I. He was married to Mary Ellen (Blanche) Snell, daughter of William Alexander Snell and Frances Moore Langan Snell, April 20, 1918. The marriage was performed at Portsmouth, Virginia. Mary Ellen (Blanche) Snell Weeks was born at Hearne, Texas. She attended the Hearne public schools and later attended St. Mary's Hall, an Episcopal girls preparatory college in San Antonio, Texas, for two years. While Allen Rhodes Weeks was stationed at Panama in the Canal Zone during World War I, his wife, Mary Ellen (Blanche) Snell Weeks, was employed in the Canal Zone Auditor's Office for two years. Her grandfather, Colonel John L. Langan, was one of the early newspaper editors in Hearne in the late 1870's.

Two children were born to Allen Rhodes Weeks and Mary Ellen (Blanche) Snell Weeks: Mary Ellen Weeks and Alice Allen Weeks.

Mary Ellen Weeks married Don George Ikard and the following children were born to them: George Ikard, Allan Ikard, Kay Ikard, and Brian Weeks Ikard.

Alice Allen Weeks married Robert Lee Bruce and the following children were born to them: Mary Alice Bruce, Margaret Bruce, and Robert Lee Bruce Jr.

Allen Rhodes Weeks was a member of the First Baptist Church where he has served as a member of the Board of Deacons and Church Treasurer. He was a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne; a member of the Royal Arch Masons; a member of the Knights Templar; a member of the Karem Shrine Temple of Waco; and a Director of the Hearne Building & Loan Association. Allen Rhodes Weeks died July 23, 1958.

Mary Ellen (Blanche) Weeks is a communicant of St. Philips Episcopal Church; a member of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Philips Church; a member of the Hearne Garden Club; and has been a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club since 1913.

TRAVIS HUNTER NEELY, son of Jessie Austin Neely and Josephine Tucker Neely, was born July 28, 1898 at Iola, Texas. He attended school at Iola and Planterville, Texas.

From 1918 to 1920 he served as Agent for the Santa Fe Railroad Company and from 1920 to 1950 he was a telegraph operator for the Humble Pipe Line Company at Chilton, Texas. From 1950 to 1951 he served as telegraph operator for this same company at Groesbeck, Texas.

He moved to Hearne, August 6, 1951 to continue his employment as a telegraph operator for the Humble Pipe Line Company station in Hearne. On August 1, 1958 he retired from active duty with the Humble Pipe Line Company after completing nearly 38 years of service.

He was married to Leona Porter, daughter of Dee Caswell Porter and Mattie Louis Dickson Porter of Lott, Texas, June 25, 1932. The marriage was performed at Eddy, Texas. Leona Porter Neely attended the Lott, Texas public schools and was graduated from Lott High School. She received her college work from Southwest State Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas. After finishing her college education she taught at the Corinth School at Buckholts, Texas in 1926-27 and taught in the Lott Public School in 1927 through 1934. During the time she attended the Lott Public School, a former Hearne teacher, Frank Hodges, was one of her teachers. She later taught school with him in the Chilton public school. Leona Porter Neely serves as a substitute teacher in the Hearne public schools. She is a descendent of F. O. Porter, a pioneer surveyor of Falls County, Texas and the organizer and Director of the Old Settlers Re-Union of Falls County. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and a member of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association. In 1940 she served as President of the Chilton, Texas Parent-Teachers Association.

Travis Hunter Neely is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge; and served on the Board of Education of the Chilton School District for ten years. His father, Jessie Austin Neely, was an early settler of Grimes County, Texas who served as Tax Assessor-Collector for that county from 1918 to 1932.

Two children were born to Travis Hunter Neely and Leona Porter Neely: a daughter, Marilyn Jo Neely, who married Richard H. Colby; and a son, Travis Porter Neely. Grandchildren of Travis Hunter Neely and Leona Porter Neely are: Ricky Colby and Cathy Lynn Colby of Eau Claire, Michigan.

JIMMIE FRANKLIN PAYNE, son of George William Payne and Annie Leona Van Meter Payne, was born December 31, 1908 at Rotan, Texas.

His family later moved to Grand Prairie, Texas where he attended the public school. After finishing his schooling he worked for a service station in Grand Prairie and later farmed in that area. He worked for the Gifford-Hill & Company at Grand Prairie and in 1926 worked for this company at Satin, Texas.

In 1927, in partnership with L. W. Perkins, he owned and operated a sand and gravel business at Calvert, Texas. In 1930 this same partnership established the Hearne Sand & Gravel Company at Hearne, Texas. Jimmie Franklin Payne moved to Hearne, Texas in 1930 when this business was established. In 1933 he sold his interest in this business to the Waco Sand & Gravel Company but he continued to work for this firm.

In 1934 he accepted employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company and worked for this firm in Hearne through 1937. He also owned and operated a farm and ranching business in Hearne during these years. During the late 1930's he entered the earth moving contracting business and did most of the earth moving work in 1940-41 for the Municipal Park project for the City of Hearne.

In 1943 he entered the earth moving and tank building business at Edna, Texas and maintained a home in both Hearne and Edna. At Edna he purchased the B. G. Henry Construction Company and changed the name of the firm to Jimmie F. Payne Contractors. His company is one of the largest of this type in the Edna section.

Jimmie Franklin Payne married Lottie Carolyn Thompson, daughter of William Henry Thompson and Rosa Bell Battle Thompson of Satin, Texas, March 12, 1927 at Chilton, Texas. Lottie Carolyn Thompson Payne attended the Satin public school. A daughter, Lottie Avis Payne, was born to Jimmie Franklin Payne and Lottie Carolyn Thompson Payne. Lottie Avis Payne married John Lamar Lessor Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamar Johnson of Hearne, Texas. A son, John Lamar Lessor III and a daughter, Mary Carolyn Lessor, were born to John Lamar Lessor Jr. and Lottie Avis Payne Lessor.

Jimmie Franklin Payne and Lottie Carolyn Thompson Payne are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne. He is a former member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department; a member of the Jackson County, Texas Chamber of Commerce at Edna; a stockholder in the Planters & Merchants State Bank of Hearne; and a stockholder and Director of the First State Bank of Hearne.

ROY LARKIN HENRY, son of Roy Henry and Lula Geneva Larkin Henry, was born January 6, 1928 at Waco, Texas.

With his family he moved to Hearne, Texas in 1930. He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1945. During his high school days he played

football and earned his letters as a center on the Hearne High School Eagles football team.

Upon completion of high school he entered Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, Texas and received his B. A. Degree from this school in 1949. While attending Texas Christian University he was a member of Phil Delta Theta Fraternity.

April 7, 1951 he entered the United States Air Force and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant October 25, 1952. He served twelve months in Korea during the Korean War and flew 39 combat missions as a pilot. He was awarded the Air Medal. After returning to the United States he served two years in the Strategic Air Command. He received his discharge from military duty October 25, 1955. On November 1, 1955 he became associated with the Roy Henry Pontiac Company, Ltd. in Hearne, Texas, and is active in this business.

Roy Larkin Henry married Norma Ann Houg, daughter of Goodwin O. Houg and Esther Louise Moen Houg of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, April 9, 1955. Norma Ann Houg Henry attended the public schools of Fergus Falls, Minnesota and was graduated from Fergus Falls High School with the Class of 1948. After completing high school she attended Morehead State Teachers College and later taught school. Two children were born to Roy Larkin Henry and Norma Ann Houg Henry: Brett M. Henry and Bruce Goodwin Henry.

Roy Larkin Henry and Norma Ann Houg Henry are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne. She is a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Green Thumb Garden Club. Roy Larkin Henry is a member of the Board of Stewards of Grace Methodist Church; a member and Past Director and President of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Hearne Rotary Club; and a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post.

MILTON IGNATIUS AALEN, son of Frederick Albert Aalen and Frances Elizabeth Neyer Aalen, was born April 13, 1922 at San Antonio, Texas.

He attended school in San Antonio; Baltimore, Maryland; and Manila in the Philippine Islands. He was graduated from Central Catholic High School in San Antonio Texas with the Class of 1939. He enrolled at Texas A. & M. College and received his B. S. Degree in Accounting.

He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1943 and served during World War II until he received his discharge in 1946. He served on a B-24 Bomber and flew 35 combat missions in the European Theater of Operations as a Radioman.

From 1949 to 1953 he served as an Internal Revenue Agent with the U. S. Treasury Department in Houston, Texas. In 1953 and 1954

he was an accountant with the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company at Houston.

In October 1954 he was appointed Administrator for the Hearne General Hospital and moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home.

On September 4, 1948 he was married to Mary Bernadine Wright, daughter of George Dave Wright and Viola Mae Hickey Wright of San Antonio, Texas. Mary Bernadine Wright Aalen attended the public schools of San Antonio and was graduated from Harlandale High School in San Antonio with the Class of 1940. After finishing high school she attended Draughon's Business College in San Antonio and graduated from this school in 1941. Three children were born to Milton Ignatius Aalen and Mary Bernadine Wright Aalen: James Milton Aalen, Diane Elizabeth Aalen, and Gary Wright Aalen.

Milton Ignatius Aalen and Mary Bernadine Wright Aalen are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society; a member and Treasurer of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association; a member and Treasurer of the Green Thumb Garden Club of Hearne. Milton Ignatius Aalen is a former member of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the Robertson County A. & M. Club; a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the District Committee of Boy Scouts of America; and a member of the Air Force Reserve.

CAROL D. ZEIGLER, son of Roy Zeigler and Allene Perryman Zeigler, was born July 3, 1929 at Gatesville, Texas. His father was born in 1898 and was a life-long resident of Coryell County, Texas. He married Allene Perryman in 1923.

Carol D. Zeigler attended the Gatesville public schools and was graduated from Gatesville High School with the Class of 1946. He attended the University of Texas and received his B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering in 1951.

In January 1951 he entered the U. S. Air Force and attended OCS and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in March 1952. He served in Korea on airfield construction. He received his discharge from military service in October 1953. During the summers of 1948 and 1949 he was employed as a rodman with the Texas Highway Department and after his discharge from military service he was permanently employed by this department in November 1953.

In November 1953 he moved to Hearne, Texas where he was employed as an engineering assistant in the office of the Resident Engineer of the Texas Highway Department. He was promoted to Resident Engineer at Hearne, Texas in June 1956, and took charge of the Hearne Residency in March 1957.

Caro D. Zeigler married Janell Haines, daughter of J. B. Haines and Lois Vannoy Haines of Gatesville, Texas, August 12, 1951. Janell Haines Zeigler attended the Arnett public school near Gatesville and

later attended Gatesville High School where she graduated with the Class of 1944. After completing high school she attended John Tarleton College.

Carol D. Zeigler and Janell Haines Zeigler are members of the First Baptist Church. He is a member of the Hearne Rotary Club; a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers; and a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

CLINTON WAYNE O'NEAL, son of Thomas Dudley O'Neal and Alice Maude Nickelson O'Neal, was born March 14, 1920 at Ennis, Texas. He attended the public schools of Ennis and was graduated from Ennis High School with the Class of 1940. During his high school days he was a member of the Ennis High School football team.

After finishing high school he was employed by the Foley Brothers Company of Houston, Texas.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, January 27, 1942 and began his employment with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as a clerk.

On June 7, 1942 he married Virginia Ellis, daughter of Obie Farrar Ellis and Ethel Lorrene Alexander Ellis of Dallas, Texas. The marriage was performed at Ennis, Texas. Virginia Ellis O'Neal was born in Dallas, Texas, November 25, 1922. She attended the Ennis public schools and was graduated from Ennis High School with the Class of 1940. Since moving to Hearne she has been employed with several business firms and is now employed in a clerical position with the City of Hearne.

Two children were born to Clinton Wayne O'Neal and Virginia Ellis O'Neal: Gary Wayne O'Neal and Stephen James O'Neal.

Clinton Wayne O'Neal and Virginia Ellis O'Neal are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and both are members of the Hearne Parent-Teachers Association. He is a member of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department.

TONY CHARLES REISTINO, son of Charles Reistino and Louise Loria Reistino, was born in the Hearne Brazos Bottom in Robertson County, Texas, October 12, 1910. His father and mother were born in Italy and came to the United States to make their home.

Tony Charles Reistino attended the Highbank school and the rural school near Marlin in Falls County, Texas. After finishing his schooling he farmed during 1932, 1933, and 1934 with his father. In 1929 his father purchased a farm on Little Brazos River near Hearne and Tony Charles Reistino farmed this place with his father.

In 1935 Tony Charles Reistino began farming in the Hearne Brazos Bottom on his own and in 1958 was farming and ranching 765 acres.

He was married to Jo An Mancuso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Mancuso of St. Louis, Missouri, January 11, 1949. A daughter,

Gloria Ann Reistino, was born to Tony Charles Reistino and Jo An Mancuso Reistino.

He is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a stockholder in the Westbrook Valley Gin Company; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; and a stockholder in the Hearne Alfalfa Milling Company.

LAWRENCE COTROPIA, son of Carl Cotropia and Beatrice Palermo Cotropia, was born September 1, 1915 in Brazos County, Texas. His father and mother were born in Italy.

He attended the rural school at Stone City in Brazos County. In 1930 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom and attended Hearne High School. He was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1934, and played football with the Hearne High School Eagles in 1932 and 1933. During 1932, in partnership with his brothers Anthony and Frank Cotropia, he began farming in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. This partnership later purchased additional land in the Brazos Bottom until a total of 1575 acres was under cultivation. Later this partnership was dissolved and Lawrence Cotropia continued to operate 575 acres in farming and ranching.

On May 15, 1942 he entered the U. S. Army and served during World War II. He received his discharge from military service December 25, 1945. In 1946 he returned to his farming and ranching activities in the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

Lawrence Cotropia married Rosalie Scarmardo, daughter of Sam C. Scarmardo and Josephine M. Scarmardo, July 28, 1946. Four children were born to Lawrence Cotropia and Rosalie Scarmardo Cotropia: Kathleen Cotropia born April 25, 1948; Ray Lawrence Cotropia born June 30, 1949; Carl James Cotropia born October 10, 1952; and Lisa Ann Cotropia born August 10, 1957.

Lawrence Cotropia and Rosalie Scarmardo Cotropia are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; a member of the Hearne Agriculture Foundation; a stockholder in the Westbrook Valley Gin Company; a former stockholder and Director of the Mumford Distributing Company; and a former stockholder and Director of the Plantation Dehydrating Company.

ELVY CHALMERS GABLE, son of Grover Cleveland Gable and Thuressa Irene Duke Gable, was born at Walter, Alabama, September 26, 1910.

He attended school at Cullman, Alabama and was graduated from Central High School at Decatur, Alabama with the Class of

1930. After finishing high school he attended the University of Texas at Austin.

In 1934 he accepted employment with the Pictorial Review Company and this employment continued until 1936. In 1936 he owned and operated a drug store at Pleasanton, Texas until 1939. From 1939 until 1942 he owned and operated an auto supply store at Seguin, Texas.

In 1942 he entered the U. S. Air Force and served during World War II. He received his discharge from military service in September 1944 and went to work for the Pan American Airways at Miami, Florida and worked for this firm until 1946.

On March 1, 1946 in partnership with Bill Palmos, Demetre Palmos, and John R. Grace, he became associated in the Super Sales Auto Supply Store in Hearne, Texas. In February 1952 he established Gables Auto Supply Store in Hearne.

Elvy Chalmers Gable married Altie Palmos, daughter of George B. Palmos and Bobbie Rixney Greer Palmos of Hearne, Texas, April 24, 1934, at Austin, Texas. Altie Palmos Gable was born in Hearne, Texas and attended the Hearne public schools. She graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1931. She attended Mary Hardin Baylor College, Texas A. & M. College, the University of Texas, Texas State College for Women, Southwest State Teachers College, and Sam Houston State Teachers College. She received her B.S. Degree from Texas State College for Women in 1936 and her Master of Education Degree from Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1955.

Elvy Chalmers Gable and Altie Palmos Gable have a son, Chalmers Duke Gable. Elvy Chalmers Gable is a member of Grace Methodist Church; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Hearne Lions Club; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Camp Creek Water Company. Altie Palmos Gable is a member of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne; a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Business & Professional Women's Club; a member of the Hearne Study Club; a member of the Hearne Welfare Association; a member of the State Teachers Association; a member of the Robertson County Teachers Association; a member of the Hearne Junior Music Lovers Club; and a teacher in the Hearne public schools.

SAM ALTIMORE, son of Martin Altimore and Frances Salvaggio Altimore, was born at Hearne, Texas, May 16, 1919. He attended elementary school at Hearne and attended Hearne High School and Robert E. Lee High School at Baytown, Texas.

From 1937 through 1941 he was employed as assistant manager of the Red & White Grocery in Hearne. In February 1942 he enlisted

in the U. S. Army and served during World War II, receiving his discharge from military service November 8, 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served in the Pacific area with the First Cavalry Division in the Philippine Islands and Japan. From 1946 to 1950 he engaged in farming and cattle raising and also owned and operated an automobile agency. During 1950 through 1952 he engaged in farming and ranching. In 1953 he again entered the automobile business and continued his farming and ranching activities.

Sam Altimore married Betty Jane Sisk, daughter of Leonard Park Sisk and Edna Mae Grable Sisk of Joplin, Missouri, July 1, 1943. Betty Jane Sisk Altimore attended school at Joplin, Missouri. Two children were born to Sam Altimore and Betty Jane Sisk Altimore: Martin S. Altimore and Carol Ann Altimore.

Betty Jane Sisk Altimore is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church; a member and Past President of the Women's Auxiliary of Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; a member and Past President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Robertson County Post No. 4132; serves as Sunday School Superintendent for Girls at Calvary Baptist Church; and is active in Girl Scout work.

Sam Altimore is a member of Calvary Baptist Church; has served as Commander and Adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4132 of Robertson County; has served as Commander and Adjutant of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; served as Committeeman of the Department of Texas V. F. W. Un-American Activities and is a member of the Hearne Lions Club.

CHARLES HAROLD STASNY, son of John J. Stasny and Jennie Carrie Kosh Stasny, was born at Bryan, Texas, September 22, 1921. He attended the public schools of Bryan and was graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School of Bryan with the Class of 1938. After completing high school he attended Texas A. & M. College. During 1942 he worked for the Texas Highway Department Soils Laboratory.

He entered the armed services during World War II.

On January 2, 1946 he was employed by the Lone Star Gas Company and worked as a serviceman and engineer. Later he served this company as South Texas Regional Supervisor.

In February 1954 he was appointed Local Manager of the Lone Star Gas Company in Hearne, Texas.

He married Mary Anne Beran, daughter of Antone T. Beran and Elizabeth Sablatura Beran of Caldwell, Texas, April 8, 1947. The marriage was performed in Bryan, Texas. Mary Anne Beran Stasny attended Caldwell High School and McKenzie-Baldwin Business School in Bryan. She is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society.

Three children were born to Charles Harold Stasny and Mary Anne Beran Stasny: James Stasny, David Stasny, and Gregory Stasny.

Charles Harold Stasny is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member of St. Mary's Men's Club; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; a member of the Boy Scouts local committee; a member of the Knights of Columbus; and a member of the Hearne Rotary Club.

STILLMAN S. HANCOCK was born in Alabama, July 17, 1870. With his parents he moved to Robertson County, Texas in 1879.

He was married to Ludie Bishop and made his home in Robertson County. Ten children were born to Stillman S. Hancock and Ludie Bishop Hancock: Lee Hancock, Denson Hancock, John W. Hancock, Maggie Hancock Armstrong, Joy Hancock Clapp, Katie Hancock Taylor, Fannie Hancock Gandy, Inez Hancock Hare, Alafair Hancock Kinnard, and Nancy Hancock Reid.

Stillman S. Hancock was a farmer and cattleman during his entire lifetime. In his later years he built a home in Hearne and retired. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Stillman S. Hancock died April 26, 1958.

HOUSTON L. "Ox" TIDWELL JR. son of Houston L. Tidwell and Carrie Reynolds Tidwell, was born at Hearne, Texas, July 17, 1924. He attended the public schools of Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1941. He lettered at the center position with the Hearne High School Eagles football team in 1939 and 1940.

In March 1943 he entered the U. S. Armed Forces and served in Australia, North New Guinea, and the Philippines during World War II. He was awarded the CCM, AP Ribbon, 3 Bronze Stars, PL Ribbon, and Victory Medal. In February 1946 he was discharged from military service.

After World War II he returned to his home in Hearne and accepted employment with the Clark Chevrolet Company and worked for this firm until 1957. During 1957 he was employed by the Lucien Reed Buick Sales.

He was married to Lucy Templeton, daughter of Monroe Templeton and Eunice Derrick Templeton of Calvert, Texas, December 31, 1947. Lucy Templeton Tidwell attended the Calvert public schools and was graduated from Calvert High School with the Class of 1945. After completing high school she attended Durham's Business College in Austin, Texas. She has been active in the business circles of both Hearne and Calvert having been employed by the Citizens State Bank in Calvert, the Planters & Merchants State Bank of Hearne, and the Hearne Building & Loan Association. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Hearne; a member and Past Matron of the Hearne Chapter No. 722 Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the American Savings & Loan Institute of Chicago, Illi-

nois; and a former member of the Green Thumb Garden Club and the Hearne Study Club.

Houston L. "Ox" Tidwell Jr. is a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Hearne; a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; and a former member of the Hearne Lions Club.

Other children of Houston L. Tidwell Jr. and Carrie Reynolds Tidwell are: Elsie Tidwell Ondrej, Billy Tidwell, Danny Tidwell, and Johnny Lou Tidwell Fitch.

Danny Tidwell played football with the Hearne High School Eagles and made his letters at the tackle position. Billy Tidwell also was a football player with the Eagles, lettering in the backfield and later attended Texas A. & M. College where he was a star. He earned his freshman numeral and three varsity letters in football with the Texas Aggies. He later played professional football.

EDWIN MATHEWS BRADY, son of Peter Louis Brady and Jessie Nora Mathews Brady, was born at Hearne, Texas, November 27, 1893.

He attended the Hearne public schools and farmed with his father during young manhood.

In 1911 he took over the bookkeeping and seed buying jobs at his father's gin in Hearne. During 1914 he worked with the county engineer in the good road program for Robertson County.

In 1918 he entered the U. S. Army during World War I and was stationed at Camp Travis in San Antonio, Texas. He was attached to the Depot Brigade.

After his discharge from military service he returned to Hearne and farmed on the Adams Plantation in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. He continued his farming and cattle raising business and worked at the Brady Gin until December 1928 when in partnership with his brother, Alfred B. Brady, he purchased the grocery store and gin owned by the R. O. Demming Company at Valley Junction in the Brazos Bottom. This gin was remodeled into one of the finest in the Brazos Bottom and in the fall of 1942 this gin won first prize for making the best grade and staple in ginning for the six surrounding counties. The first cotton dryer in this district was installed in this gin. In 1931 he purchased the Branchville Gin in Milam County and operated it until 1946 when it was sold.

During 1932 the Brady Brother's firm established a grocery store on Fourth Street in Hearne. In 1936 this partnership opened Brady's I. G. A. Store. After his father's death in 1935, Edwin Mathews Brady became the owner of Brady's Gin located on the corner of Fifth & Cedar Streets in Hearne.

During 1946 he sold his interest in the Brady Brothers business

and purchased the E. R. Vaughan farm on Little Brazos River. At this location he expanded his farming and ranching activities. During 1950 his gin at Hearne burned and he purchased the Woodall-Fagan Gin at Calvert, Texas. In 1958 he is one of Hearne's biggest cotton and cattle raisers.

He was married to Evelyn Catherine Darnell, daughter of Edward Franklin Darnell and Maggie Nanny Darnell of Stamford, Texas, April 26, 1932. The marriage was performed at Walters, Oklahoma. Evelyn Catherine Darnell Brady attended the public schools at Wichita Falls, Texas.

The following children were born: Ruth Marie Brady, who married Earl White; Edwin Mathews Brady Jr. who married Josephine McNeil; Jesse Edward Brady; John Alfred Brady, who became a Baptist minister and married Yvonne Scott; and Charles Darnell Brady. The following are grandchildren of Edwin Mathews Brady and Evelyn Catherine Darnell Brady: Edwin Mathews Brady III, Paul Bernard Brady, Nancy Marie Brady, Scott Lloyd Brady, and John Alfred Brady Jr.

Edwin Mathews Brady is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Evelyn Catherine Darnell Brady is a member of Grace Methodist Church.

All of the E. M. Brady children are graduates of Hearne High School.

BELTON D. RASCO, son of Joe Cyrus Rasco and Edna Phifer Rasco, was born November 15, 1877 at Heads Prairie in Robertson County, Texas.

He attended the rural school at Heads Prairie and farmed with his father. During his early years he engaged in the cattle and horse business. In the early days of Robertson County there were large herds of wild horses running loose and Belton D. Rasco engaged in the business of catching these wild horses, breaking them, and selling them to the farmers and ranchers. He was quite a bronc rider in his early days and an old story has it that two five dollar gold pieces were put in the stirrups when young Rasco would ride a bronc and he was so good at bronc riding that he could keep the gold pieces from dropping from the stirrups while he was riding the bronc. He also rode in the tournaments that were so popular in his early days. Belton D. Rasco learned to barber in his early days by cutting the neighbors children's hair and he later moved to Kosse, Texas where he became a full time barber.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in September 1906 and established Rasco's Barber Shop. By good business management Belton D. Rasco became a wealthy man.

He married Jim Lou Ayres, daughter of Jim P. Ayres and Loula Adelia Jennings Ayres of Hearne, Texas, in 1909. Jim Lou Ayres

Rasco was born in Hearne, Texas, October 27, 1893. She attended the public schools of Hearne. Her father, Jim P. Ayres was a building contractor and later owned and operated a 5c & 10c Store and a photographer's studio in Hearne. One child, Belton James Rasco, was born December 8, 1910 to Belton D. Rasco and Jim Lou Ayres Rasco. Belton James Rasco married Willie Mae Morgan, daughter of William Loran Morgan and Minnie Bell Guynes Morgan, of Calvert, Texas. The following children were born to Belton James Rasco and Willie Mae Morgan Rasco: Billy James Rasco, Jimmie Lou Rasco who married David R. Breeding, and Belton D. Rasco II.

During his early days in Hearne, Belton D. Rasco was a star baseball player and managed the Hearne Semi-pro Baseball Team for several years.

Belton D. Rasco died May 13, 1926 and Jim Lou Ayres Rasco died July 7, 1911.

EDD BUSSA, son of Alfred Bussa and Fannie Jones Bussa, was born May 4, 1892 at Milano, Texas. He attended the Liberty Rural school in Milam County.

He was reared on the family farm and after finishing his schooling he continued to farm in Milam County until 1926. On November 24, 1926 he moved to Hearne, Texas and accepted employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company at the Hearne station. He continued his employment with this company until his retirement May 3, 1957, completing nearly 31 years of service.

Edd Bussa was married to Altha Silvey, daughter of William Silvey and Lizzie White Silvey of Milano, Texas, August 29, 1914. Two children were born to Edd Bussa and Altha Silvey Bussa: Mercer Lynn Bussa who married Lois Cox of Hearne, and Katherine Bussa who married William Young. Grandchildren of Edd Bussa and Altha Silvey Bussa are: Eddie Glenn Bussa and Rene Kay Young.

Edd Bussa is a member of the Humble Employees Federation and Altha Silvey Bussa is a member of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne.

ANTHONY DENENA, son of Lee Denena and Maria Corona Denena, was born in Italy, January 12, 1908. With his parents he came to the United States to make his home when he was five years of age. The Denena family landed in New York in 1913 and located in the Brazos Bottom near Mudville in Brazos County, Texas. He attended the rural school at Mudville, Texas.

In 1925 with his family he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom and farmed with his father.

In 1934 he began farming on his own and in 1958 his farming and ranching activities are carried on utilizing over 800 acres in the Brazos Bottom.

He was married to Rose Falsone, daughter of Joe Falsone and

Frances Labaria Falsone, April 8, 1934. Her father was born in Italy and her mother was born in Texas. The following children were born to Anthony Denena and Rose Falsone Denena: Leon Anthony Denena, Joseph Falsone Denena, James Robert Denena, and Margaret Mary Denena.

Anthony Denena and his family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rose Falsone Denena is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society and a member of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Hearne and Mumford. Anthony Denena is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; a stockholder and director of the Brazos Valley Dehydrating Company; a stockholder and vice president of the Farmers & Brazos Gin Company; and has been a member of the Board of Education of the Mumford Independent School District since 1950.

JOSEPH SAMUEL CORPORA, son of Sam Corpora and Lena Salvato Corpora, was born in Falls County, Texas, April 21, 1918. He attended the rural school at Highbank near Marlin, Texas and Hearne High School.

After completing his schooling he farmed in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. He enlisted in the U. S. Army January 15, 1941 and served in the 36th Division, 131st Field Artillery at Brownwood, Texas. In June 1942 he transferred to the U. S. Air Force Glider Pilot Training Attachment. In March 1943 he transferred to the U. S. Air Force Aviation Cadet Training and was graduated as a pilot February 8, 1944. He was located on the West Coast of the United States until January 15, 1945 in training in tactical type aircraft. On January 15, 1945 he was transferred to the European Theater during World War II. With the 9th Air Force he flew 32 combat missions. He returned to the United States August 15, 1945 where he had various assignments with the training program on the West Coast. He received his discharge from military service December 31, 1946 with the rank of Captain.

During 1948 he established the Corpora Aerial Service in the Hearne area and constructed an airport for the operation of this business in the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

He married Sara Falco, daughter of J. T. Falco and Vincent Tusa Falco of Marlin, Texas, April 27, 1947. The marriage was performed in Marlin, Texas. Sara Falco Corpora attended school at Reagan, Texas and was graduated from Marlin High School of Marlin, Texas with the Class of 1940. The following children were born to Joseph Samuel Corpora and Sara Falco Corpora: Samuel Anthony Corpora, Audette Corpora, Joseph Samuel Corpora Jr., and Priscilla Jean Corpora.

Joseph Samuel Corpora and his family are communicants of

St. Mary's Catholic Church. Sara Falco Corpora is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post Auxiliary; and a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association.

Joseph Samuel Corpora is a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and a member of the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association.

SYLVAN BLUM JONES, son of Enoch Thomas Jones and Allie Fair Harvey Jones, was born July 18, 1900 at Huntington, Texas. He attended the public schools in Huntington.

In 1915 he went to work for the T. & N. O. Railroad Company at Doucette, Texas as a car clerk and telegraph operator. He resigned this position in 1917 to enter military service during World War I. In 1918 he returned to his job with the T. & N. O. Railroad and worked for this firm until 1921. In 1921 he went to work for the Gulf Oil Corporation and worked for this firm at Port Arthur, Texas and at Mexia, Texas. He worked for Gulf during the oil boom in Mexia in 1923 as a timekeeper. He moved to Lufkin, Texas in 1925 and entered the general insurance business. In 1927 he again worked for the Gulf Oil Corporation at Roscoe, Texas and also worked as a timekeeper for this company during the West Texas oil boom in 1927-28. He accepted employment with the Prairie Pipe Line Company in 1929 and worked at Winfield, Kansas. In 1930 he worked for oil companies in the Oklahoma oil boom days and also at Wichita, Kansas during the Kansas oil boom. During the early days of the East Texas oil boom he worked with oil field contractors and was in the East Texas oil fields during the time the Texas Rangers and the State Militia were enforcing oil proration laws in that area. During 1932 he became employed with the Humble Pipe Line Company and helped to lay the oil line across the San Jacinto Bay near Houston, Texas in 1936.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, July 10, 1933 and was employed with the Humble Pipe Line Company as a relief telegraph operator. He continued as a telegraph operator for Humble until 1946. After his resignation as a telegraph operator, he devoted full time to his general insurance business which he had established in Hearne in 1939.

Sylvan Blum Jones was married to Essie Edna Barclay, daughter of Joshua Barclay and Ruby Seleste Fondren Barclay of Rockland, Texas, December 23, 1919. The marriage was performed at Beaumont, Texas. Essie Edna Barclay Jones was born at Rockland, Texas and attended the public schools there. A daughter, Margaret Virginia Jones, was born to Sylvan Blum Jones and Essie Edna Barclay Jones. Margaret Virginia Jones attended the public schools of Hearne and

was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1938. During her high school days, Margaret Virginia Jones served as the first Drum Major of the Hearne High School Band during 1936 and 1937. She later attended South Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas and served as Drum Majorette with the band of this college. Her picture appeared in Life Magazine. Margaret Virginia Jones married Glenn Fulton of Calvert, Texas. The following children were born to Margaret Virginia Jones Fulton and Glenn Fulton: Essie Patricia Fulton and Deborah Callie Fulton.

Sylvan Blum Jones is a member of the Myrta Masonic Lodge No. 651 at Warren, Texas; a former member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a charter member of the Hearne Lions Club; a former Boy Scout Master of Troop No. 168 of Hearne, Texas; a former member of the Hearne Band Parents Association; a former member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association; a member of the First Baptist Church; and a member of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents. Essie Edna Barclay Jones is a member of the First Baptist Church; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Rockland, Texas; a former member of the Hearne Band Parent's Association; a former member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association; and a member of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents.

ALFRED EDGAR HANSON, son of Lewis Newton Hanson and Lela Bell Bradbury Hanson, was born at San Antonio, Texas, September 16, 1924. Later his family moved to Baytown, Texas where he attended the public schools of that city and was graduated from Robert E. Lee High School of Baytown with the Class of 1941.

After completing high school he entered the U. S. Air Force and served from 1942 to 1945 in the Pacific area during World War II. He received his discharge from military service in 1945 with the rank of Sergeant. He attended Massey Business College at Houston, Texas and later enrolled at Texas A. & M. College. Later he attended the Luling Foundation at Luling, Texas where he studied and completed a course in food processing.

In 1946 he moved to Houston, Texas where he served as manager of a food locker business.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in 1947 and established the Robsco Locker Plant on the Corner of Market & Barton Streets and has built this firm into a sizeable and progressive business.

On August 6, 1942, Alfred Edgar Hanson married Ruby Mae Novosad, of Baytown, Texas. Ruby Mae Novosad Hanson was reared in Baytown, Texas and attended the public schools of that city. She was graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown with the Class of 1942. After completing her high school work she attended Lee Junior College in Baytown. The following children were born to Alfred Edgar Hanson and Ruby May Novosad Hanson: Susie

Hanson who was born in Luling, Texas and Steven Hanson, Tommy Hanson, Carol Hanson, Mark Hanson, and Donna Hanson, who were born in Hearne, Texas.

Alfred Edgar Hanson and Ruby Mae Novosad Hanson are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society and the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association. Alfred Edgar Hanson is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce; a member and Past Commander of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association; a member of the Hearne Catfish Club; a member of the Texas Locker Plant Association; and a member and Past President of the Hearne Lions Club.

MARION LUCIUS TERREL JACKSON was born July 4, 1904 at Florence, Texas, the son of Joshua Terrel Jackson and Marinda Ann Tomlinson Jackson.

He attended the public schools at Florence and was graduated from Florence High School with the Class of 1922. After completing high school he attended Abilene Christian College at Abilene, Texas.

From 1925 through 1927 he owned and operated a dairy. In 1928 he accepted employment with the Santa Fe Railroad in track maintenance work. He later was a petroleum dealer. In 1939 he was employed as a supervisor in the Works Progress Administration.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, September 22, 1942 to continue his employment in the Hearne area with the Works Progress Administration. After this employment was terminated he entered the service station business in Hearne.

Marion Lucius Terrell Jackson was married to Zaye Virginia Vaughn, daughter of Sanford Newton Vaughn and Lillie Victoria Lesley Vaughn of Lampasas, Texas, December 15, 1932. The marriage was performed at Lometa, Texas.

Zaye Virginia Vaughn Jackson was graduated from Lampasas High School and later attended Draughton's Business College at Abilene, Texas.

The following children were born to Marion Lucius Terrel Jackson and Zaye Virginia Vaughn Jackson: Jerry Terrel Jackson, Paul Wayne Jackson, and William Charles Jackson. Jerry Terrel Jackson married Frances Johnson, daughter of E. Raymond Johnson and Bobbie Horan Johnson of Hearne, Texas. A daughter, Shari Lynn Jackson, was born to Jerry Terrel Jackson and Frances Johnson Jackson.

Marion Lucius Terrel Jackson and Zaye Virginia Vaughn Jackson are members of the Hearne Church of Christ; the Hearne Band-

Parent's Association; and the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association. Marion Lucius Terrel Jackson is a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Hearne Little League Baseball Association; and is a member of the Board of Education of the Hearne Independent School District.

LEONARD S. BROWN was born October 28, 1908 at Madisonville, Texas, the son of Simpson J. Brown and Willie Estell Leonard Brown. He attended the public schools of Madisonville and Madisonville High School.

After his high school days he became employed with the State Highway Department as an inspector. He moved to Hearne, Texas in October 1935 to continue his employment with the Texas Highway Department and in 1958 is the Chief Inspector for the State Highway Department in the district.

Leonard S. Brown married Christine Connor, daughter of Ruben Westmoreland Connor and Minnie Mael Nichols Connor of Madisonville, Texas, May 14, 1930. Christine Connor Brown was born in Madisonville, Texas, July 22, 1911. She attended the public schools of Madisonville and was graduated from Madisonville High School with the Class of 1928. She later attended Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville, Texas.

A son, Leonard S. (Pat) Brown Jr., was born to Leonard S. Brown and Christine Connor Brown. Leonard S. Brown Jr. attended the Hearne public schools and was a member of the Hearne High School Eagles football team for three years, playing in the quarterback position. He was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1950. He enrolled at Texas A. & M. College and was graduated with the Class of 1954 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Leonard S. Brown Jr. married Wanda Frost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Frost of Hearne, Texas. Two children, Cara Lynn Brown and Steven Dean Brown, were born to Leonard S. Brown Jr. and Wanda Frost Brown.

Leonard S. Brown and Christine Connor Brown are members of the Hearne Church of Christ and the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association. She is a member of the Hearne Garden Club.

PARKER ODELL MAHAN, son of John Walker Mahan and Hessie Mae Guynes Mahan, was born at Elliott, Texas in Robertson County, July 12, 1906. He attended the rural schools of Elliott and Bishopville.

After finishing his schooling he farmed with his father until 1926. On October 16, 1926 he moved to Hearne, Texas and went to work for the Humble Pipe Line Company. He worked as a pipeliner, oiler, truck driver, and head stock gauger. He was promoted to engineer and in 1958 is an engineer with the Humble Products Station of the Humble Pipe Line Company at Hearne.

On July 26, 1926 he was married to Virginia Estell King, daughter of Robert Alexander King and Elizabeth Ann Dunsford King of Franklin, Texas. Virginia Estell King Mahan attended the public schools of Franklin. In May 1952 she began a career in nursing and has been associated with the hospitals in Hearne in this profession.

Two children were born to Parker Odell Mahan and Virginia Estell King Mahan: a son, Dr. Parker Eugene Mahan who is a practicing dentist in Rochester, New York; and a daughter, Madalyn Elizabeth Mahan. Dr. Parker Eugene Mahan attended the public schools of Hearne and is a graduate of Hearne High School. He married Lorraine Nottage of Key West, Florida. Two daughters were born to Dr. Parker Eugene Mahan and Lorraine Nottage Mahan: Cheyrl Christine Mahan and Kathy Lee Mahan. Madalyn Elizabeth Mahan married Larry Robert Mangold of San Antonio, Texas. She also attended the public schools of Hearne and graduated from Hearne High School. Two children were born to Madalyn Elizabeth Mahan Mangold and Larry Robert Mangold: Sue Mangold and David Robert Mangold.

Parker Odell Mahan and Virginia Estell King Mahan are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World; a member of the Board of Directors of the Camp Creek Water Company; and is Auditor for the Hearne Building & Loan Association.

GEORGE OLANDER, son of Tony Olander and Fanny Nuche Olander, was born September 29, 1906 near the Tabor Community in Brazos County, Texas. His parents were born in Italy and came to the United States to make their home.

He attended the rural schools at Tabor and Mumford in Robertson County. With his family he moved to the Mumford community in the Brazos Bottom in 1918. In his early years he farmed in the Brazos Bottom on the Stone White plantation with his father and his brother Sam Olander.

In 1927 he began farming and ranching on his own when he purchased farm land in the Hearne Brazos Bottom from the Demming Investment Company. At one time he farmed and ranched over 600 acres in the Brazos Bottom. He purchased a farm in Grimes County, Texas and farmed in that area for several years, selling this farm in 1955. In 1958 he continues his farm and ranch business in Robertson County.

George Olander is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; and a former member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne. He served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II.

TONY CHARLES CANGELOSI was born January 21, 1900 in Burleson County, Texas near Caldwell, the son of Charles Cangelosi

and Lena Branda Cangelosi. His parents were born in Italy. His father died in 1901. Four children were born to Charles Cangelosi and Lena Branda Cangelosi; two children being born in Italy and two in the United States.

Tony Charles Cangelosi attended rural school in Smetana in Brazos County. After the death of his father in 1901 his mother married Tony Messina.

During his boyhood, Tony Charles Cangelosi farmed in the Brazos Bottom. In 1915 he moved to Houston, Texas where he was employed as a waiter at the Elite Cafe. He returned to the Brazos Bottom in 1919 and farmed. His crops were completely destroyed in the 1921 flood of the Brazos River. In the later part of 1921 he moved to Dallas, Texas where he was employed by the Texas Produce Company.

In 1922 he returned to the Brazos Bottom and accepted employment at the Scanlin Brothers Grocery at Mudville. He farmed and ranched in 1923, 1924, and 1925 at Mudville. In 1925 he purchased acreage that formerly comprised the old Westbrook plantation in the Hearne Brazos Bottom area and began cotton farming, hog raising, and cattle raising.

Tony Charle Cangelosi married Mary Depuma, daughter of John Depuma and Rena Camarata Depuma, December 2, 1922. Mary Depuma Cangelosi was born and reared in Brazos County, Texas. Her parents were born in Italy.

Mary Depuma Cangelosi is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a former member and President of the St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society. Tony Charles Cangelosi is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; a former member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; served as a committeeman on the Federal Government Plow-Up Program in 1933-1937; and served on the AAA Farm Program for Robertson County.

From 1926 through 1932 he served as manager for the Pinto Gin Company in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. In 1940 he organized, owned, and operated the Hearne Farm Machinery Company. This firm was located on Cedar Street in Hearne and was sold to Joe Corpora in 1951.

JOE DeSTEFANO, son of Sam DeStefano and Mary Truzzelena DeStefano, was born November 22, 1899 in Louisiana. His parents came to America in 1895 from their native home in Palermo, Italy and settled in New Orleans, Louisiana. The family moved to Hearne and settled in the Hearne Brazos Bottom in 1903. His father engaged in cotton farming.

Joe DeStefano attended the rural school at Smetana in Brazos County, Texas and worked on his father's cotton farm.

In 1922 he moved to Grimes County and farmed there through 1927. In 1928 he came back to Robertson County to farm. In 1934 he purchased farm land of his own in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and in 1958 is farming and ranching 500 acres.

He was married to Marie Cotropia, daughter of Carl Cotropia and Beatrice Palermo Cotropia, on January 1, 1936. The parents of Marie Cotropia DeStefano were born in Italy. Marie Cotropia DeStefano was born December 8, 1907 and died August 10, 1956. A son, Samuel Ray DeStefano, was born to Joe DeStefano and Marie Cotropia DeStefano.

Joe DeStefano is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; a stockholder and director of the Wood Switch Gin Company; and a stockholder and director of the Brazos Valley Dehydrating Company.

MARION MATT OTTEA, son of Mathew Ottea and Virginia Nigliazzo Ottea, was born November 21, 1899 on the Sims Plantation in Brazos County, Texas. He attended the rural school at Bryan Junction.

After finishing his schooling he assisted his father in farming from 1914 through 1923. In 1924 he began farming on his own in Brazos County and continued farming at this location through 1926. In 1927 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom in Robertson County, Texas and established a general merchandise store and also purchased a part of the old Beckham plantation in 1927 and established his home. In 1958 he continues to operate his farming and ranching business and operates his general merchandise store in the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

He was married to Louise Viviani, daughter of Lee Paul Viviani and Janie Scardino Viviani of Bryan, Texas, October 25, 1924. Louise Viviani Ottea received her education in the Bryan public schools. A son, Mathis Marion Ottea, was born to Marion Matt Ottea and Louise Viviani Ottea. Mathis Marion Ottea married Melva Louese Jackson, daughter of Taylor Jackson and Calli Herod Jackson of Houston, Texas. The following children were born to Mathis Marion Ottea and Melva Louese Jackson Ottea: Mathis Marion Ottea III, Justina Louise Ottea, and Monica Marie Ottea. Mathis Marion Ottea is a graduate of Hearne High School.

Louise Viviani Ottea is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member and Past President of St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society; a member and Past Secretary of the Hearne Garden Club; a member of the Mumford Parent-Teacher's Association; and serves as a news correspondent for the Hearne Democrat.

Marion Matt Ottea is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church; a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Mumford Parent-Teacher's Association; is associated with the Wood Switch Gin Company; is associated with the Brazos Valley Dehydrating Company; served as Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 7 at Mumford, Texas for 15 years; has been a member of the Mumford Independent School District Board for 20 years.

Marion Matt Ottea and Louise Viviani Ottea have served in just about everything connected with the welfare and benefit of their community for a number of years.

BEN PERRONE, son of Tony Perrone and Rosie Vineza Perrone, was born in Burleson County, Texas near Caldwell, December 10, 1910. His parents were born in Italy. He attended the rural school at Mudville in the Brazos Bottom.

In 1925 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom and farmed with his father. During 1934 he purchased a farm of his own in the Brazos Bottom and farmed and ranched. In 1958 he is farming and ranching 775 acres. During 1957 he built a home in Hearne but continued his farm operations in the Brazos Bottom.

Ben Perrone married Mary Corona, daughter of Charles Corona and Dorothy Cangelosi Corona of Hearne, Texas, November 26, 1933. Mary Corona Perrone was born in Hearne, Texas and attended the Hearne public schools. Her parents were born in Italy and were among the very first Italian farmers to locate in Hearne.

Ben Perrone and Mary Corona Perrone are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; and a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association.

SAM J. DeSTEFANO, son of Charles DeStefano and Lena Ventiola DeStefano, was born in Brazos County, Texas, February 9, 1916. His father was born in Italy and his mother was born in Louisiana.

He attended the Smetana rural school in Brazos County and the Stephen F. Austin High School in Bryan, Texas.

In 1934 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom and in 1939 he began farming and ranching on his own. In 1958 he farmed and ranched 620 acres.

Sam J. DeStefano married Catherine Ferrara, daughter of Russell Ferrara and Rosa Inzenga Ferrara, October 13, 1940. Her parents were from Hammond, Louisiana. The following children were born to Sam J. DeStefano and Catherine Ferrara DeStefano: Andrea Renea DeStefano, born July 24, 1944; and Deborah Kay DeStefano, born November 21, 1952.

Sam J. DeStefano and Catherine Ferrara DeStefano are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mrs. DeStefano is a member of

St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; a stockholder in the Wood Switch Gin Company; a member of the Knights of Columbus; and a member of the Hearne Band Parents Association.

TONY PERRONE JR., son of Tony Perrone and Rosie Vineza Perrone, was born October 9, 1923 in Brazos County, Texas. His father and mother were born in Italy and his father came to the United States in 1906 and his mother in 1907.

Tony Perrone Jr. attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1942. He was active in the Future Farmers of America organization while he attended high school.

During his boyhood days he learned cotton farming and ranching by helping his father. In 1943 he purchased a farm in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and began farming and ranching on his own. In 1958 he is farming and ranching 500 acres in the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

Tony Perrone Jr. married Peggy Nigliazzo, daughter of Pete Nigliazzo and Fannie Roffino Nigliazzo, July 23, 1943. Her parents came to the Hearne Brazos Bottom from Louisiana. Peggy Nigliazzo Perrone attended the Mumford school and later attended Hearne High School where she was graduated with the Class of 1942.

Both Tony Perrone Jr. and his wife Peggy Nigliazzo Perrone are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club and she is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society. Tony Perrone Jr. is a member of the Knights of Columbus; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; and a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association.

MELVIN EUGENE SUGGS, son of Calvin Washington Suggs and Lula Shields Suggs, was born at Blackjack, in Robertson County, Texas, October 19, 1900. He attended the rural school at Blackjack.

After finishing his schooling he worked for Sam V. Burts on his ranch from 1917 until 1921. In 1921 he was employed by Robertson County Precinct No. 2 and did road construction work under H. P. Hill, County Commissioner for seven years. In 1928 he was employed by the State Highway Department in the maintenance division and worked on this job for three years. In 1931 he was employed by the Lincoln Petroleum Company and worked at Luling, Texas. In 1943 he was employed as an electrician by the City of Hearne and later was made foreman of the city water department.

He was married to Stella Aline Bishop, daughter of Webb Bishop and Losia Guynes Bishop, December 28, 1926. The following children were born to Melvin Eugene Suggs and Stella Aline Bishop Suggs: Cummings Eugene Suggs, who married Martha Louise Boggan; Billy

Frances Suggs who married James Baker; and Janice Odell Suggs who married Donald Maurice McLeroy Jr. Grandchildren of Melvin Eugene Suggs and Stella Aline Bishop Suggs are: Connie Gayle Suggs, Steven Eugene Suggs, Carla Jo Suggs, James Paul Baker, Jerry Allen Baker, Ronnie Dell Baker, and Mark Dean McLeroy.

Melvin Eugene Suggs has been a member of the Baptist Church since 1919. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and he serves on the Board of Deacons. He is also active in the Baptist Brotherhood; served as superintendent of the Bethany Baptist Church Sunday School; served as a Sunday School teacher in the First Baptist Church of Hearne; is a former member of the Hearne Fire Department; and is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne.

JOHN WASHINGTON BROCK was born near Calvert, Texas, July 14, 1872, the son of Richard Brock and Fanny Strong Brock.

In 1890 he moved to Wheelock where he farmed and ranched. In 1898 he farmed at Fairview, in Wilson County, Texas. In 1899 he farmed in the Brazos Bottom near Bryan, Texas. In 1902 he was employed as overseer on the Hubert Lewis plantation at Valley Junction in the Brazos Bottom near Hearne, Texas. He continued in this position until 1912 when he was employed as overseer on the Sam Adams plantation on Little Brazos River near Hearne. During the flood of 1913 he was caught by the flood waters and was marooned in the Adams farm home for nearly a week. In 1914 he was employed by Fred L. Wood and was the overseer for the Glass plantation in the Brazos Bottom. He returned to the Hubert Lewis plantation at Valley Junction in 1915 and was overseer for this plantation under Hubert Lewis until 1919. During 1919 the Hubert Lewis plantation was acquired by the Demming Investment Company of Oswego, Kansas. After this plantation was purchased by the Demming Investment Company, John Washington Brock continued to be the overseer until his retirement in 1944. The retirement of John Washington Brock as an overseer, brought to a close a career in this profession that lasted over 40 years.

After his retirement in 1944, John Washington Brock moved to his country home on the Blackjack road east of Hearne. He does no farming but continues to raise livestock.

John Washington Brock married Nancy Ellen Merchant, daughter of John Henderson Merchant and Amanda Tullous Merchant, July 11, 1895. The marriage was performed at Wheelock in Robertson County, Texas. Nancy Ellen Merchant Brock was born in Wise County, Texas near Decatur, January 6, 1878. She moved to Wheelock in Robertson County, Texas with her family in 1890. No children were born to John Washington Brock and Nancy Ellen Merchant Brock but they reared two nieces and two nephews: Merchant Wheel-

er and Wally Smitherman. Their nephew, Merchant Wheeler, was killed when he was struck by lightning while rounding up cattle in the Brazos Bottom on the Lewis plantation in 1927.

In the 1921 flood he had to drive a team of mules over the railroad bridge at Little Brazos River in order to escape the flood, the wagon bridge being covered by the flood water. John Washington Brock and Nancy Ellen Merchant Brock have had rich experiences in their many years in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and are typical of the pioneers of the Brazos Bottom country.

GEORGE NICKLAUS ORTS, son of Albert Ludvig Orts and Louise Hoeper Orts, was born at Paige, Texas, April 22, 1895. His father was born in Germany and his mother was born at Houston, Texas.

He attended the rural school in the Paige community and farmed with his father until 1924.

In October 1924 he moved to Hearne, Texas and was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company. In February 1925 his family moved to Hearne to join him. He continued his employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company through December 1925. On January 17, 1926 he was employed by the City of Hearne as an engineer in the city electric power plant and was later promoted to chief engineer and is serving in that capacity in 1958.

George Nicklaus Orts married Louise Zander, daughter of Frederick Zander and Adeline Jantzen Zander, December 29, 1915. A son, George Nicklaus Orts Jr., was born June 29, 1918 to George Nicklaus Orts and Louise Zander Orts. George Nicklaus Orts Jr. married Donnie Whitfield and two children were born to them: James Michael Orts and Georgia Carolyn Orts.

Both George Nicklaus Orts and his wife Louise Zander Orts are members of the Five Points Baptist Church. He is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne and was an active member of the Hearne Fire Department for over 20 years.

JOHN LAMAR LESSOR, son of Jim Richard Lessor and Mary Florence Reed Lessor, was born at Althiemer, Arkansas, July 26, 1893. He attended the public school and high school at his hometown in Arkansas.

He began his railroad career when he was 14 years old. He worked for the Gulf Coast & Santa Fe Railroad at Galveston, Texas; the Missouri-Kansas & Texas Railroad, the Rock Island Railroad; the Fort Worth & Denver Railroad, and the Frisco Railroad.

On December 28, 1913 he hired out to the old Hearne & Brazos Valley Railroad which had been purchased by the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company in 1900. This railroad was commonly known as "The Jack." His first job on this railroad was assisting with the clean up after this line had been badly damaged by the flood of

1913. He served as assistant foreman on this job to restore service to this line. His employment with the H. & T. C. Railroad Company continued until his retirement on November 30, 1957. He completed 50 years of railroad service and at the time of his retirement he was Roadmaster for the S. P. Lines with Hearne headquarters.

John Lamar Lessor married Mary Etta Billings, daughter of Algenon Sidney Billings and Ella O'Neal Billings, September 9, 1922 at San Antonio, Texas. A son, John Lamar Lessor Jr., was born to John Lamar Lessor and Mary Etta Billings Lessor.

John Lamar Lessor constructed a home on Magnolia Street and moved his family to Hearne, Texas, June 15, 1927. John Lamar Lessor Jr. attended the Hearne public schools and graduated from Hearne High School. He was married to Lottie Avis Payne, daughter of Jimmie Franklin Payne and Lottie Carolyn Thompson Payne. A son, John Lamar Lessor III, and a daughter, Mary Carolyn Lessor, were born to John Lamar Lessor Jr. and Lottie Avis Payne Lessor.

John Lamar Lessor, one of the most experienced railroad men this country has produced, was well known in railroad circles, and was highly respected by his fellow railroad officials. He was the rough and ready type of railroader who could get the job done well and efficiently. He formed many lasting friendships in the Hearne area and was considered one of Hearne's most substantial citizens. He was a member of the Roadmasters Association during his active days of railroading.

MACK WILLIAM HOYT, son of Wait Stephen Hoyt and Lissie McWilliams Hoyt, was born at Hearne, Texas, June 20, 1910. He attended the public schools of Hearne and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1929. While attending Hearne High School he was an outstanding football player at the center position with the Hearne High School Eagles. During the latter part of 1929 he worked as a bookkeeper for the D. R. Adkisson & Company cotton buyers and in the summer of 1930 he operated a confectionery. In 1931 he attended Blinn Memorial College at Brenham, Texas. He continued his work with the D. R. Adkisson & Company during the summer months until 1933. During 1933 he was employed by the Farrar Lumber Company of Hearne. In 1934 he accepted full time employment with the Post Office Pharmacy, a Hearne drug store owned and operated by his brother, W. S. Hoyt Jr. From 1936 to 1939 he was employed as a bookkeeper for Farrar Lumber Company. During 1939 he went to work for the U. S. Post Office Department at Hearne, Texas as a letter carrier. In 1950 he was transferred to the position of Finance Clerk U. S. Post Office Department at Hearne, Texas. In 1958 he is the senior clerk in the Hearne post office.

He entered the U. S. Navy May 4, 1944 and served during World War II in the Pacific area until his discharge December 6, 1946.

Mack William Hoyt married May Beth Hughes, daughter of Luther Taylor Hughes and Alice Isaacs Hughes of Milano, Texas, August 20, 1933. The marriage was performed at Hearne, Texas. May Beth Hughes Hoyt attended Rockdale High School in Milam County, Texas and also attended Central High School in Fort Worth, Texas. Her parents, Luther Taylor Hughes and Alice Isaacs Hughes, were pioneer citizens of Milam County and later moved to Hearne, Texas to make their home.

Two children were born to Mack William Hoyt and May Beth Hughes Hoyt: a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hoyt who married Donald Henry Copeland; and a son, Jerry Mack Hoyt.

Mary Beth Hughes Hoyt operated the Hearne Flower Shop on Market Street in Hearne from 1945 through 1947. She worked for the Local Draft Board in 1948 and 1949. From 1950 through 1954 she operated Hoyt's Flower Shop on Market Street in Hearne. In September 1957 she accepted a position as bookkeeper for the First State Bank of Hearne. She is a member and Past President of the Hearne Study Club; a member and Past Worthy Matron of the Hearne Chapter No. 722 Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Hearne Garden Club; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne where she has taught many years in the Sunday School and served as superintendent of the adult department; served as Young People's Director at the First Baptist Church; and a member of the Women's Missionary Union.

Mack William Hoyt is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge No. 361 of Hearne where he has served as Worshipful Master; served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas District No. 24 in 1950; has served as Secretary of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge since 1954; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; served as Cubmaster for Pack No. 42 Boy Scouts of America from 1950 through 1956; is Past Patron of Hearne Chapter No. 722 Order of the Eastern Star; and is a former member and past president of the Hearne Volunteer Fire Department.

JOE REISTINO, son of Charles Reistino and Louise Loria Reistino, was born in Italy, May 15, 1902. He came to the United States when he was five months old. The Reistino family first lived at St. Louis, Missouri but moved to Hearne, Texas in July 1904. His father, Charles Reistino, purchased land in the Hearne Brazos Bottom and farmed.

In 1909 the Reistino family moved to Falls County, Texas and remained there until 1927 when they returned to the Hearne Brazos Bottom.

In 1925 Joe Reistino began farming and ranching on his own. His father gave him four mules and he borrowed money to buy two

more mules and some farm equipment. From this humble start, Joe Reistino has increased his farm and ranch holdings to such an extent that in 1958 he is considered to be the largest farmer and rancher in Central Texas. He owns over 8000 acres in Robertson, Brazos, Milam, McLennan, Falls, and Limestone counties, and leases over 10,000 acres. His cotton crops yield from 2000 to 4000 bales per year. In his 33 years of farming and ranching on his own in the Brazos Bottom area he has sold cotton for as little as 41½c per pound and as much as 43c per pound. On his ranch in the Hearne Brazos Bottom he raises Black Angus and Hereford cattle. In order to carry on his farm and ranch operations it is necessary for him to employ a foreman at each plantation and ranch. Cotton, cattle, alfalfa, and grain are raised in large quantities on his farms and ranches.

In addition to his farming and ranching business he is the owner of the Plantation Dehydrating Company and the Anderson Dehydrating Company in the Brazos Bottom. Both of these plants are alfalfa dehydrating mills. He is a stockholder and President of the Hearne Alfalfa Milling Company; he is Vice President and a stockholder of the Mumford Alfalfa Milling Company; is a stockholder and Vice President of the Waco Alfalfa Milling Company of Waco, Texas; is President of the Farmers Brazos Gin Company; a stockholder and director of the Hearne Cotton Compress Company; a member of the Southwestern Cattlemen's Association; a member of the Texas Cattlemen's Association; a member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; and a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Joe Reistino married Frances Falsone, daughter of Joe Falsone and Frances Cangelosi Falsone of Highbank in Falls County, Texas, January 18, 1925. Her parents were born in Italy and settled at Mudville in the Brazos Bottom when they first came to the United States, later moving to Highbank in Falls County, Texas. Frances Falsone Reistino was born at Mumford, Texas, January 3, 1905. After the death of her mother, she was reared by her two grandmothers. The following children were born to Joe Reistino and Frances Falsone Reistino: Louise Reistino who married Charles Scarpinato; Gathan Reistino who married Angeline Stratta; Frances Reistino who married Vince Corpora; and Joe Reistino Jr. A daughter, Frances Reistino was born to Gathan Reistino and Angeline Stratta Reistino. Two daughters, Sandra Corpora and Bernadette Corpora, were born to Vince Corpora and Frances Reistino Corpora.

Frances Falsone Reistino is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and is a member of St. Mary's Altar Society.

ARTHUR WASHINGTON LaGRONE, son of George Washington LaGrone and Alice Eugenia Moseley LaGrone, was born

November 7, 1882 in the Cyclone community in Bell County, Texas. His father and mother were born in Alabama and came to Bell County, Texas in 1869. During his early days, Arthur Washington LaGrone attended the rural school at Cyclone and farmed with his father.

In December 1916 he accepted employment with the U. S. Government and worked on the construction of the lock and dam on the Brazos River at Port Sullivan, Texas. He worked on this project until November 1919.

In September 1918 with his family he moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home. In December 1919 he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company at Hearne and worked on this job for one year. In 1921 he was employed as foreman of the Lewis Farm near Valley Junction and worked for Tom F. Peel. He witnessed the great flood of the Brazos River in 1921 when both of the Brazos Rivers met and completely covered the Brazos Bottom area.

In 1922 he again worked for the Humble Pipe Line Company at Hearne and Groesbeck, Texas. In 1923 he accepted employment with the City of Hearne in the Street and Sewer Department and continued this employment for the next 34 years. He retired as Street & Sewer Department foreman of the City of Hearne July 1, 1957.

Arthur Washington LaGrone married Ora Haynes, daughter of Thomas Jefferson Haynes and Virginia Thompson Haynes of Bell County, Texas, September 9, 1906. Her father was a native of Georgia and her mother was from Illinois. Children born to Arthur Washington LaGrone and Ora Haynes LaGrone are: George Thomas LaGrone born September 16, 1908 who married Monta May Fulton; Clara Ethel LaGrone born May 30, 1911 who married C. L. Ruemens; Andrew Moses LaGrone born April 13, 1914 who married Ennie Barnett; Verna Lou Virginia LaGrone born June 9, 1917 who married Carl Rose; Doris Louise Rose born August 17, 1922 who married Dixon Perry; Mavis Irene LaGrone born October 9, 1924; and Ercelle LaGrone born October 14, 1926 who married Donald L. Boyd.

Arthur Washington LaGrone and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. He is a former member of the Woodmen of the World and served over 20 years in the Hearne Fire Department. He has served the citizens of Hearne in a faithful manner during his many years of service with the City of Hearne.

JAMES EARL CLARK, son of James A. "Doc" Clark and Jessie Clanton Clark, was born at Hearne, Texas on Moss Avenue, September 15, 1901. He has spent most of his life in Hearne. He attended the public schools of Hearne.

His first job after finishing his schooling was with Brady's Gin. In 1918 he went to work for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company and worked in the freight department until 1928. In 1928 he accepted em-

ployment with the Humble Oil & Refining Company and worked for this company at Ingleside, Texas until 1930. He returned to Hearne in 1930 and accepted the position of Sexton at Norwood Cemetery in Hearne, a position that had been held by a member of his family for three generations. His father, James A. "Doc" Clark and his grandfather, Joe Clark, also held the Sexton job at Norwood Cemetery.

In 1941 he resigned as Sexton of Norwood Cemetery and accepted employment with the U. S. Post Office at Hearne and continues his employment there in 1958.

James Earl Clark married Alva Easter Thames, daughter of Louis Milton Thames and Ira Dunlap Thames, July 9, 1926. A son, Earl Eugene Clark, was born to James Earl Clark and Alva Easter Thames Clark, May 11, 1927. Earl Eugene Clark died August 26, 1929.

James Earl Clark and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He is active in the Baptist Brotherhood organization. Alva Easter Thames Clark has been active in the business circles of Hearne having served with The Famous Dry Goods Company as store manager for 20 years. In 1955 she was an active partner in Julia's Dress Shop in Hearne and sold her interest in this firm in 1956. In 1958 she is employed in a secretarial position with the Jones Insurance Agency of Hearne.

EUGENE CUMMINGS SUGGS, son of Melvin Eugene Suggs and Stella Aline Bishop Suggs, was born at Hearne, Texas, August 8, 1927.

He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1944. During 1942 and 1943 he was a member of the Hearne High School Eagles football team. After finishing high school he was employed by the Sheffield Company of Houston, Texas for a short period.

In June 1944 he entered the U. S. Navy CB at the age of 17 and served in the Asiatic Pacific area during World War II. He received his discharge from military service in August 1946. After receiving his military discharge he returned to Hearne and was employed by the Culpepper Chevrolet Company and worked for this firm until 1952. In 1952 he was employed by the City of Hearne as an electrician. Later he was promoted to Chief Electrician and Assistant Utilities Superintendent.

Eugene Cummings Suggs married Martha Louise Boggan, daughter of John B. Boggan and Maurine Stephens Boggan of Hearne, Texas, January 27, 1947. The following children were born to Eugene Cummings Suggs and Martha Louise Boggan Suggs: Connie Gayle Suggs, Steven Eugene Suggs, and Carla Jo Suggs.

Martha Louise Boggan Suggs attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1945.

After completing her high school work she attended Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville, Texas. Later she was employed for four years by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of Hearne. She is a member and former president of the Hearne Music Club and a former member of the Hearne Study Club.

Eugene Cummings Suggs and Martha Louise Boggan Suggs are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge of Hearne, and has been a member of the Hearne Fire Department since 1950. He has served as Fire Chief since September 1956.

LONNIE CALVIN BISHOP, son of Webb Bishop and Losia Guynes Bishop, was born February 13, 1892 at Bishopville in Robertson County, Texas. He attended the rural school at Elliott, Texas. When he was a boy he farmed with his father.

In 1921 he began cotton farming on his own at Elliott and farmed at this location until 1935. In 1935 he moved to Hearne and farmed on the Wilkerson farm on the Blackjack road east of Hearne. In 1940 he returned to Elliott and farmed there through the latter part of 1945. In 1945 he moved back to Hearne, Texas and on May 8, 1946 accepted employment with the U. S. Post Office.

Lonnie Calvin Bishop married Morine Murry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Murry, December 13, 1921. The marriage was performed at Moody, Texas. The following children were born to Lonnie Calvin Bishop and Morine Murry Bishop: Emily Jo Bishop who married Glenn West; Mary Elizabeth Bishop who married Jack Seelye; and Calvin Webb Bishop.

Both Lonnie Calvin Bishop and Morine Murry Bishop are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne.

Lonnie Calvin Bishop entered the U. S. Army Company C, 359 Infantry, April 22, 1918 and served during World War I. He served 10 months overseas duty and saw action in France. He received his discharge from military service April 7, 1919. He is a former member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne.

WILLIAM ROLAND PARDO, son of Louis Adrian Pardo and Cora Etchison Pardo, was born October 20, 1903 near Whitney in Hill County, Texas. His birthplace is now completely covered by Lake Whitney on the Brazos River. His father was born in Louisiana and his mother was a native of Alabama.

In 1909 his father moved to Haskell, Texas and he attended public school in that city. In 1910 he moved to Waco, Texas and attended Waco High School.

In 1921 he went to work for the Cameron Mills in Waco. Later he went to California and worked at a cement plant. He returned to Waco and for two years was a professional prize fighter and fought in the welterweight division.

In 1924 he owned and operated a trucking business in Waco. In

1929 he began farming near Waco and farmed through 1934. In 1935 he went to work for the Lone Star Gas Company in Waco and in December 1942 he was transferred to Hearne, Texas. He serves as Senior Foreman with the Lone Star Gas Company Pipe Line Department.

William Roland Pardo married Lucille Williamson, daughter of William Robert Williamson and Lydia Potts Williamson of Waco, Texas, December 20, 1925. Lucille Williamson Pardo was born in Indian Territory in Oklahoma in 1904. The following children were born to William Roland Pardo and Lucille Williamson Pardo: William Roland Pardo Jr., Shirley Marie Pardo, Louis Adrian Pardo, John Robert Pardo, and Stella Louise Pardo.

William Roland Pardo and Lucille Williamson Pardo are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne where she served for five years as President of the Women's Society of Christian Service and is now a life member. She is also a member of the Hearne Band Parents Association and the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association.

William Roland Pardo is a member and one of the organizers of the Robertson County Gun Club and serves this organization as Range Master. The Robertson County Gun Club was organized in 1956. He is a member of the Hearne Band Parents Association and the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association.

THOMAS WEBBER WELBORN, son of Harry Caldwell Welborn and Candice Windham Welborn, was born April 13, 1915 near Laurel, Mississippi. He attended the Shady Grove Vocational Agriculture School at Shady Grove, Mississippi and was graduated from this school in 1934.

In December 1935 he moved to Hearne, Texas and was employed by the Sinclair Refining Company. Later he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in Hearne.

Thomas Webber Welborn married Lenna Mae Thomas, daughter of Charlie Edgar Thomas and Mary Ida Young Thomas of Mount Pleasant, Texas, August 27, 1939. The marriage was performed at Winfield, Texas. Lenna Mae Thomas Welborn attended school at Winfield, Texas. She was graduated from Mount Pleasant High School and attended East Texas State Teacher's College where she received her B. S. and M. S. Degrees. She taught school in the Ripley School in Titus County for three years; two years in the Daphney School in Franklin County; two years in the Winfield School in Titus County; Forrestgrove School one year; Bogota, Red River County Eureka, Franklin, Post and Hearne. She has taught in Hearne since 1936. She is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association; a member of the Robertson County Teachers Association; a member of the International Reading Association; and a member of the Hearne Garden Club.

Thomas Webber Welborn is a member of the First Baptist Church. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks.

JAMES HALBERT FERNEY, son of James Ferney and Ruth Patillo Ferney, was born June 10, 1886 at Taylor, Texas. He attended the Taylor public schools.

In 1903 he moved to Hearne, Texas and worked for the I. & G. N. Railroad Company at Valley Junction. Later he established Ferney's Confectionery on Fourth Street in Hearne and operated this business for several years. During the 1920's he accepted employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company and worked at the Hearne pump station of this company.

In 1928 he moved to Baytown, Texas to continue his employment with Humble and was a machinist at the Humble Oil & Refining Company refinery at Baytown at the time of his death October 5, 1937.

He was married to Marvel Mae Ayres, daughter of Jim Ayres and Lula Jennings Ayres of Hearne, Texas, July 11, 1908. Marvel Mae Ayres Ferney was born at Hearne, Texas, July 22, 1890. She attended the Hearne public schools.

The following children were born to James Halbert Ferney and Marvel Mae Ayres Ferney: Ruth Ferney, Maybell Ferney, Florence Ferney, Jimmie Ferney, and Philip Ferney. Ruth Ferney was married to Andy Andrews; Maybell Ferney married Howard Sheffield; Florence Ferney married Jack Earley; and Jimmie Ferney married Royette Aquillard.

The following grandchildren were born: Betty Mae Andrews, Charlie Andrews, Shelly Sheffield, Quentin Sheffield, Paul Sheffield, Philip Ferney II, David Ferney, Halbert Ferney, Linda Ferney, Jerry Earley, Carolyn Earley and Franklin Earley.

James Halbert Ferney was a member of the Baytown Baptist Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge. Marvel Mae Ayres Ferney is a member of the Baytown Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Pythian Sisters.

THEOPHILUS HUBBARD BOUNDS, -son of Henry Oliver Bounds and Sarah Ella Tilley Bounds, was born August 1, 1892 at Rusk, Texas. His family moved to Hubbard in Hill County, Texas and he attended the Hubbard public schools.

On October 1, 1913 he moved to Hearne, Texas and accepted employment with the R. A. Allen & Son Hardware Company and worked as a combination plumber and sheet metal worker. Early in 1918 he left this job and went to Ellington Field and worked during World War I.

Later he returned to Hearne and went to work as a mechanic at the Brazos Valley Garage which was owned by Randle Miller. In January 1921 he moved to Cameron, Texas and went to work for the Hubert Hefley Motor Company. During the latter part of 1921

he returned to Hearne and worked as a mechanic for J. W. Sanders Dodge & Buick Dealer. In 1925 he went to work for Charles Merchant Ford Dealer in Hearne. In 1926 he entered into business with Charles Merchant, Dr. H. W. Cummings, and Charles Griesenbeck and established the Brazos Chevrolet Company in Hearne. This firm was located on Fifth Street. In 1929 he formed a partnership with Houston L. "Lightning" Tidwell and opened a garage on the corner of Magnolia & Fifth Streets in Hearne. He sold his interest in this business October 1, 1930 and moved to Baytown, Texas. He owned and operated a garage in Baytown until June 15, 1937. On that date he went to work for the city. On March 1, 1942 he was appointed Fire Marshal of Baytown.

He married Anna Millicent Ward, daughter of James Alyosisous Ward and Elizabeth Bickett Ward of Hearne, Texas, May 27, 1917. The marriage was performed in Hearne. Anna Millicent Ward Bounds was born at Hearne, Texas, January 21, 1896. The following children were born to Theophilus Hubbard Bounds and Anna Millicent Ward Bounds: Millicent Elizabeth Bounds, James Henry Bounds, Robert Hubbard Bounds, and William Hatch Bounds.

Theophilus Hubbard Bounds is a member of the Baptist Church; a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge; a charter member of the Baytown Y. M. C. A.; a member of the Baytown Volunteer Fire Department Emergency Corps; and formerly served as Red Cross First Aid Instructor at Baytown.

HUGH HENRY WALLACE, son of William Jackson Wallace and Olivia Bell LeFevere Wallace, was born in the Alexander community in Brazos County, Texas, November 16, 1895. He attended school at Alexander and Wheelock. During his boyhood he lived on the family farm and farmed with his father.

In 1917 he moved to Hearne, Texas and was employed by the Wells Fargo Express Company. In 1919 he worked for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company in the repair shops in Hearne. He returned to Wheelock in 1920 and farmed until 1926. In 1926 he accepted employment as manager of the market department of the Red & White Grocery in Hearne and worked for this firm for six years. In 1932 he became manager of the market department of the Brady Brother's IGA Store and worked for this company until 1952. On July 21, 1952 he went into the feed store business on North Magnolia Street in Hearne.

Hugh Henry Wallace married Verta Christine McNair, daughter of John Roderick McNair and Emma Katherine Melton McNair of Wheelock, Texas, April 22, 1917. The marriage was performed at Wheelock by Reverend John Garrett who later lived in Hearne.

The following children were born to Hugh Henry Wallace and Verta Christine McNair Wallace: Zane Grey Wallace who married

Mary Helen Kummer of Junction City, Kansas; Martha Nell Wallace who married William Clarence Youngblood of Jefferson, Texas; Hugh Arnold Wallace who married Madeline Matthews of Charleston, South Carolina; Billy John Wallace who married Emma Lane Barker of Gause, Texas; and Wayne Lovell Wallace who died at an early age.

The following grandchildren were born: Zane Edward Wallace, Helen Elaine Wallace, Olivia Ann Youngblood, Sharon Gwynn Wallace, Hugh Arnold Wallace Jr., and Lynda Lane Wallace.

Hugh Henry Wallace and Verta Christine Wallace are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne.

FRANCIS CLINT MULLINS was born November 26, 1893 at Easterly, Texas, the son of Frances Mullins and Cevilla Welborn Mullins. He attended the Gourd Neck and Navasota rural schools in Robertson County. During his boyhood he lived on the family farm and farmed with his father. In 1912 he began farming on his own near Easterly.

He moved to Hearne, Texas in 1914 and worked for the Industrial Cotton Oil Company. Later he moved back to Easterly to farm.

On November 23, 1926 he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company and worked for six months on construction work at Hearne. On October 1, 1928 he was made head stock gauger for this company and worked in this position until 1943 when he became an oiler at the Humble pump station in Hearne. In 1948 he transferred to the Humble Products station at Hearne and retired October 14, 1956 after serving nearly 30 years with the Humble Company.

Francis Clint Mullins married Sarah Elizabeth Cobb, daughter of James W. Cobb and Sarah Smith Cobb of Easterly, Texas, January 14, 1912. The father of Sarah Smith Cobb fought with the Confederate Army during the Civil War and died enroute home after the war was over. The following children were born to Francis Clint Mullins and Sarah Elizabeth Cobb Mullins: James Francis Mullins, Gladys Mae Mullins, Marvin Alfred Mullins, G. W. Mullins, Mary Ruby Mullins, Bessie Elizabeth Mullins, Furman Clint Mullins, Cleo Viola Mullins, Grace Lois Mullins, Darrell Lee Mullins, Altha Faye Mullins, Betty Edna Mullins, and Kenneth Wayne Mullins.

Francis Clint Mullins is a member of the Church of Christ; a member and former Junior Deacon of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge No. 361 of Hearne; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Humble Employees Federation; and a former member of the Woodmen of the World. Sarah Elizabeth Cobb Mullins is a member of the Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

RAYMOND LOUIS THEISS, son of Robert Richard Theiss and

Emma Marie Pehrs Theiss, was born August 1, 1927 at Hearne, Texas. He attended the Bethany rural school and later attended Hearne High School and was graduated with the Class of 1944.

Upon completing high school he was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in Hearne as a caller. He entered military service July 19, 1945 and served in the U. S. Navy. After completing navy schooling he served at the U. S. Navy Hospital in San Diego, California. He received his discharge from military service February 19, 1947 with the rating of Hospital Apprentice First Class. He returned to Hearne and was employed as a bookkeeper for the C. & S. Grain & Lumber Company. In 1948 he went to work for the Planters & Merchants State Bank of Hearne. He was recalled to military duty January 3, 1951 and served at the U. S. Naval Training Center at San Diego, California until his discharge May 1, 1952. At the time of his discharge he had a rating of Pharmacist Mate Third Class. After returning to Hearne he resumed his duties at the Planters & Merchants State Bank.

Raymond Louis Theiss married Doris Viola Brewer, daughter of Jack R. Brewer and Ethel Viola Davis Brewer, March 19, 1949. The marriage was performed at Franklin, Texas. Doris Viola Brewer Theiss attended the rural school in the Elliott community and later attended Franklin High School where she graduated with the Class of 1948. A son, Jerry Lynn Theiss, was born to Raymond Louis Theiss and Doris Viola Brewer Theiss.

Raymond Louis Theiss is a member and Treasurer of the Robertson County Gun Club; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member and past Secretary-Treasurer of the Hearne Lions Club; serves as District Boy Scout Committeeman; has served as Scout Master; is a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association; and a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church of Bryan, Texas. Doris Viola Brewer Theiss is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne and a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association.

ALTON CARL BROWNING, son of William Osborn Browning and Edna May Pond Browning, was born October 10, 1911 in the Theo community in Falls County, Texas. He attended school at the Theo rural school and the Temple, Texas public schools.

After finishing his schooling he opened a general garage in Temple, Texas and operated this business for three years. In 1933 he became a plumber and was employed by the H. L. Kabella Company of Temple. He moved to Groves, Texas in 1935 and was employed by the Atlantic Pipe Line Company for six years. In 1941 he was employed doing industrial pipe work with several major oil companies in the Port Arthur, Texas area, and continued this work until November 1945.

He moved to Hearne, Texas, November 11, 1945 and established a plumbing contracting business on Third Street.

Alton Carl Browning married Alvera Bostert of Belton, Texas, February 9, 1935. Alvera Bostert Browning was reared at Belton, Texas and attended the public schools of that city. The following are children of Alton Carl Browning and Alvera Bostert Browning: Rosemary Lawler Rowan, Gerald Alan Browning, and Gene Irwin Browning. Grandchildren of Alton Carl Browning and Alvera Bostert Browning are: Patricia Rowan, Susie Rowan, Rosemary Rowan, Kathleen Rowan, Elizabeth Rowan, and Roberta Rowan.

Alvera Bostert Browning is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. She was employed as a bookkeeper in 1951 by the Farrar Lumber Company. In 1952 she became cashier for the Monarch Grocery Company in Hearne.

Alton Carl Browning is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne; a member of the Master Plumber's Association; and is a former member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce.

WILLIAM ODIS LITTLE, son of William Thomas Little and Gertie Lee Brice Little, was born December 10, 1912 in the La Salle community near Groesbeck in Limestone County, Texas. His family were pioneer Mississippians who came by wagon train to settle in Limestone County in 1849. The La Salle community is near Fort Parker Lake. Gertie Lee Brice Little was born at Prairie Home, Oklahoma. Relatives of William Thomas Little were massacred by Comanche Indians during the attack on Fort Parker. Other children born to William Thomas Little and Gertie Lee Brice Little are: Olean Little, Opal Little, Ovel Little, Onita Little, Ola Little, Oreater Little, Olen Little, and Orland Little.

William Odis Little attended the public schools of Groesbeck. After finishing school he was employed by the Magnolia Pipe Line Company in 1926 and worked for this company for two years. In 1928 he returned to the family farm in the LaSalle community and farmed for six years. During 1934 and 1935 he served in the CCC at Coolidge, Texas.

In 1936 and 1937 he worked for the Humble Pipe Line Company at Marlin, Texas. From 1938 to 1946 he farmed in the LaSalle community. During 1946 he entered the construction business. He moved to Hearne, Texas, November 28, 1946 to make his home and he worked at Texas A. & M. College. In 1948 he became associated with the C. & S. Grain & Lumber Company of Hearne and continued his construction work with this firm until January 1958 when he entered the construction business independently.

William Odis Little married Minnie Ola Dossey, daughter of William Green Dossey and Mary Elizabeth Mead Dossey of Groesbeck, Texas, June 5, 1935. Her father was a native of Arkansas and

her mother was born and reared in Texas. Minnie Ola Dossey Little attended the rural schools of Lost Prairie and LaSalle in Limestone County, Texas. Her relatives also were pioneer settlers of the LaSalle community and Lost Prairie in 1849.

William Odis Little is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge No. 361 of Hearne and in 1958 serves as Junior Warden. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias; a member of the Bethany Baptist Church; a member of the Robertson County Gun Club; a member of the Hearne Quarterback Club; and serves as President of The Hermit Club.

Minnie Ola Dossey Little is a member of the Bethany Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has been active in the business activities of Hearne having been employed as cashier for the Red & White Grocery, a clerk with The Famous Dry Goods Company, cashier for Brady's IGA Store, and a teller for the First State Bank of Hearne since September 1957.

SAMUEL MARCUS MOUNTS, son of Walter Thomas Mounts and Irena Dell McCoy Mounts, was born at Ennis, Texas, February 7, 1909. His mother and father were pioneers from Mississippi. During his residence in Ellis County, Texas, Samuel Marcus Mounts attended school at Bardwell and Ensign. He later attended Hearne High School.

In 1927 he moved to Hearne, Texas. On August 1, 1928 he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Hearne as a caller and worked on this job for eleven years. On September 3, 1939 he became a switchman for this railroad and worked in the Hearne yards.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army March 3, 1944 and served in the European Theater of Operations with the 734th Battalion (Railroad) during World War II. He received his discharge from military service April 13, 1946. He returned to Hearne and worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company as Yardmaster until 1951 when he went back to his job as switchman in the Hearne yards.

Samuel Marcus Mounts married Mozelle Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Elmer J. Cox and Lois Hyden Cox of Jewett, Texas, April 4, 1936. The marriage was performed at Hearne, Texas. Her parents were natives of Jewett in Leon County, Texas. Mozelle Elizabeth Cox Mounts attended the public schools of Jewett. During World War II she was employed by the Guiberson Company of Dallas and the Rheams Company at New Orleans, Louisiana. Later she was employed by the Easterwood Insurance Agency and the Culpepper Hardware & Furniture Company of Hearne. She accepted employment in a secretarial capacity for the General American Transportation Corporation of Hearne and in 1958 is serving as chief clerk to the superintendent of this corporation.

Samuel Marcus Mounts and Mozelle Elizabeth Cox Mounts are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. She is active in the Woman's Missionary Union and he is active in the Baptist Brotherhood. He is a member of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

ROBERT LEE SUGGS, son of Calvin Washington Suggs and Lula Shields Suggs, was born July 21, 1897 at Blackjack in Robertson County, Texas. He attended the Bethany rural school. During his boyhood he helped his father in farming and carpenter work.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army, May 18, 1917 and served in France during World War I with the 131st Field Artillery, 36th Division. On April 15, 1919 he received his discharge from military service and returned to Hearne.

During 1919 he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company in Hearne. He moved to Brackenridge, Texas in 1920 and was employed in the oil fields in that area. From 1922 to 1941 he was employed as a driller for various companies in California, Corsicana, Luling, Wortham, and the East Texas oil fields.

In 1941 he was appointed a special officer for the Humble Oil & Refining Company and worked in Corpus Christi and Houston, Texas until 1944. In 1944 he returned to Hearne and established a plumbing contracting business which he owned and operated for one year. In 1945 he formed a partnership with C. N. Lockhart and operated a cleaning and pressing business in Hearne for ten years. In October 1955 he sold his interest in this business and accepted employment with the City of Hearne.

Robert Lee Suggs married Odell Hooper, daughter of Hubbard Hooper and Maggie Sholia Hooper of Joaquin, Texas, August 24, 1932. The marriage was performed at Mansfield, Louisiana. Her parents were natives of Shelby County, Texas. Odell Hooper Suggs attended the public schools of Joaquin and was graduated from the Joaquin High School. After finishing high school she attended Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas. A son, Robert Lee Suggs Jr., was born to Robert Lee Suggs and Odell Hooper Suggs. Robert Lee Suggs Jr. attended the public schools of Hearne and later attended Sam Houston State College at Huntsville and Baylor University at Waco. In 1955 Robert Lee Suggs Jr. enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served three years.

Robert Lee Suggs and Odell Hooper Suggs are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He served as President of the Baptist Brotherhood in 1958; is a member of the Golden Rule Masonic Lodge No. 361 of Hearne; is a member of the Scottish Rite of Austin; is a member of the Ben Hur Shrine of Austin; and is a former member of the Hearne Chamber of Commerce. Odell Hooper Suggs has been active in business circles in Hearne and has been field worker for the State Department of Public Welfare since May 1957.

THOMAS EDGAR GREEN, son of Robert Lee Green and Ada McWilliams Green, was born at Elliott in Robertson County, Texas, November 22, 1885. His father was born in Alabama in 1864 and his mother was born at Blackjack in Robertson County, Texas in 1869. Thomas Edgar Green moved to Hearne, Texas with his family in 1889. His father was employed as farm manager on the H. B. Easterwood farms around Hearne.

He attended the public school in Hearne that was held in the old Masonic Building located on Cedar Street. The teacher of this school was Miss Carrie Hostrasser, a pioneer citizen of Hearne.

In 1906, Thomas Edgar Green was employed as a clerk in the freight station of the H. & T. C. Railroad Company in Hearne and worked in this position for six years under J. T. Palms, freight agent for this railroad. On October 19, 1919 he went to work for the Humble Pipe Line Company at Hearne as a telegraph operator. In 1926 he was an oiler for this company at the Hearne pump station. In 1930 he was promoted to station engineer. He retired from the Humble Pipe Line Company, November 22, 1950 with 31 years of service.

Thomas Edgar Green married Willine Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of Hearne, Texas, March 6, 1907. His wife was born in Houston, Texas in 1889 and her father was a switchman for the H. & T. C. Railroad Company in the Hearne yards. The following children were born to Thomas Edgar Green and Willine Clark Green: Lenora Green, Ruth Green, Thomas Edgar Green Jr., Ada Pearl Green, Jewel Green; William Lee Green, Mary Louvenia Green, and James August Green. All of their children attended the public schools of Hearne and Hearne High School.

Thomas Edgar Green has been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1899. He was a member of the Humble Employees Federation and has been a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World since 1910. He lived at 409 Riley Street in Hearne for 47 years before selling his home in 1957.

Willine Clark Green died in 1939.

On April 2, 1942, Thomas Edgar Green married Elta Nola Murphy of Hearne, Texas. Two sons, Randall J. Rogers and Gerald Rogers, were born to Elta Nola Green by a previous marriage.

ROBERT MOFFAT STOVALL, son of Jesse Franklin Stovall and Betty Ruth Scott Stovall, was born at Hearne, Texas, August 7, 1928. He attended the Hearne public schools and was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1946. While attending Hearne High School he was a member of the Hearne Eagles football team during the years 1942-45.

After completing his high school education he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Air Corps in 1946 and served through 1947. He was stationed at El Toro, California.

In 1947 he was employed by the Humble Pipe Line Company and worked for this firm for six months at Baytown, Texas. During 1948-49 he was employed by the Texas Highway Department at Hearne. In 1949 he was employed by The Texas Company and continues this employment in Hearne in 1958.

Robert Moffat Stovall married Betty Lee James, daughter of Lonnie Franklin James and Lucille Roberta Baker James of Hearne, Texas, July 5, 1947. Betty Lee James Stovall was reared in Hearne, Texas and graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1947. The following children were born to Robert Moffat Stovall and Betty Lee James Stovall: Robert Michael Stovall born 1949; James Scott Stovall born 1951; and Robbie Stovall born 1957.

Jesse Franklin Stovall and Betty Ruth Scott Stovall moved to Hearne, Texas, March 2, 1917. They formerly lived in Belton, Texas. He worked for the Railway Express Agency, the U. S. Post Office, and the Humble Pipe Line Company in Hearne. Jesse Franklin Stovall worked for the Humble Pipe Line Company in Hearne from 1921 until his death in 1951. The following children were born to Jesse Franklin Stovall and Betty Ruth Scott Stovall: William Alonzo Stoval, Robert Moffat Stovall, Jesse Franklin Stovall Jr., Rowena Bess Stovall who married Joe C. Mahan, and Betty Frank Stovall who married W. W. Herndon.

Robert Moffatt Stovall and his wife Betty Lee James Stovall are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He is a member of the Hearne Golfer's Association and serves on the District Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

JOHN CHARLES REISTINO, son of Charles Reistino and Louise Loria Reistino, was born near Marlin in Falls County, Texas, July 7, 1915. His father and mother were born in Italy. He attended the Cedar Springs rural school in Falls County.

In 1929 he moved to the Hearne Brazos Bottom with his parents and attended the Hearne Public Schools. After finishing his schooling he farmed with his father in the Brazos Bottom.

He entered the U. S. Army, June 13, 1941 and served with the Combat Engineers in the Northwest Service Command in Alaska and Kodiak Island during World War II.

After receiving his discharge from military service in 1946 he returned to Hearne and began farming on his own in the Hearne Brazos Bottom. In 1958 he farmed and ranched on 800 acres.

John Charles Reistino married Annie May Lampson, daughter of Mike Lampson and Minnie Todaro Lampson of Hearne, Texas, June 25, 1944. Her father was born in Italy and her mother was born in Louisiana. The following children were born to John Charles Reistino and Annie May Lampson Reistino: Marjorie Anna Reistino

born October 11, 1949 and John Wayne Reistino born September 24, 1953.

John Charles Reistino and Annie May Lampson Reistino are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Altar Society. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church Men's Club; a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne; a member of the Old Cotton Belt Association; a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a stockholder in the Hearne Alfalfa Milling Company; and a member of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

THOMAS EVERETT FOYT, son of Ben Charles Foyt and Villa Thomas Pressley Foyt, was born at Rosebud, Texas, October 25, 1915. He attended elementary school at Waco and Temple, Texas, later attending Temple high school and graduated from Belton High School with the Class of 1934. Later he attended Veterans Agricultural Night School for four years at Hearne, Texas.

On February 15, 1936 he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. After completing his navy schooling he participated in the search for Amelia Earhart, famed American aviatrix who disappeared while flying over the Pacific, while he was aboard the U. S. S. Lexington. He also served aboard the U. S. S. Kokomo, the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa, the U. S. S. Mississippi, the U. S. S. Chaumont, the U. S. S. Wichita, the U. S. S. Mont Calm, the U. S. S. Kileiwen, the U. S. S. Chateau-Thierry, and the U. S. S. Tomahawk. Later he transferred to the U. S. Navy SeaBees and served as an instructor with the rank of Ensign. He was awarded campaign ribbons for participation in all theaters of World War II and received good conduct and victory medals. When he received his discharge from military service March 19, 1946 he held the rank of Lieutenant. He served as Cargo Officer, Personnel Officer, Gunnery Officer, Military Science Instructor, and Stevedore Officer.

In 1946 he moved to Mumford, Texas in the Brazos Bottom and engaged in the business of farming and ranching. In 1947 he purchased the H. O. Collier farm which consisted of 555 acres in the Brazos Bottom and in 1955 he acquired an additional 185 acres from J. H. Collier. He has managed the J. H. Collier farm near Mumford since 1948. The acreage that he owns and manages is the original tract of Brazos Bottom land that was owned and operated by J. R. Collier, the father of Judson Holt Collier. On this large farm traces of the old plantation style of farming are still visible. He has constructed on this farm the first grain dryers and the first all-steel type farm buildings in this area.

Thomas Everett Foyt married Frances Elizabeth Collier, daughter of Judson Holt Collier and Lillian Elizabeth Welch Collier of Mumford, Texas, March 19, 1944. The marriage was performed at Temple, Texas. Frances Elizabeth Collier Foyt attended the Mumford ele-

mentary school and later attended elementary school in Hearne. She was graduated from Hearne High School with the Class of 1937 and attended Baylor University in Waco.

The following are children of Thomas Everett Foyt and Frances Elizabeth Collier Foyt: Thomas Everett Foyt Jr. born January 23, 1945 and Barbara Frances Foyt born October 3, 1949.

Frances Elizabeth Collier Foyt is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne where she is a member of the church choir and a Bible school teacher. She is a Past President of the Mumford Parent-Teacher's Association; a Charter Member of the Green Thumb Garden Club of Hearne; a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club; served as Camp Committee Chairman of the First Girl Scout Day Camp ever held in Hearne in 1958; has served as Post Supervisor for the Mumford Ground Observer Corps since 1955; is a member of the Robertson County Cancer Society; served as Fund Chairman for the Cancer Drive at Mumford for five years; and served as sponsor for the Mumford Junior Music Lovers' Club.

Thomas Everett Foyt is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hearne; is a member of the Board of Education of the Mumford Independent School District; serves as Chief Observer for the Mumford Ground Observer Corps; served as Scoutmaster; served as Troop Committeeman for the Hearne Boy Scouts of America; an Eagle Scout; serves as Board Supervisor for the Brazos-Robertson Soil Conservation District; is a member of the Robertson County Farm Bureau; a member of the Hi-Y at Temple, Texas; a member of the Army-Navy Club; a member of the Short Snorters; a member of the Domain of Neptunus Rex; a member of the Red Cross Life Savers Club; a member of the Mumford Parent-Teacher's Association; and a member of the Pearl Harbor Golfer's Association.

FAY ELMER HOEFER, son of Louis James Hoefer and Dollie Rue Burbridge Hoefer, was born August 11, 1894 at Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Later he moved to Doniphan, Missouri where he attended public school.

In December 1913 he began his railroad career as a porter with the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad at Doniphan, Missouri. He also served as station agent for this railroad. On July 16, 1916 he was employed by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company. He entered the U. S. Navy in July 1917 and served as a wireless operator during World War I. He served overseas from December 1917 to June 1919. After receiving his discharge from military service he went to Ennis, Texas to resume his duties with the H. & T. C. Railroad as a telegraph operator.

In October 1919 he moved to Hearne, Texas and served as a telegraph operator for the H. & T. C. Railroad for two years. In October 1922 he moved to Ennis, Texas and served as a telegraph operator and later dispatcher for the H. & T. C. Railroad.

In September 1931 he moved back to Hearne, Texas and served as Chief Dispatcher and Yardmaster until April 1936 when he moved to Austin, Texas and served as Trainmaster. In March 1947 he returned to Ennis, Texas where he served as Assistant Superintendent and was later promoted to Superintendent of the Dallas and Austin Divisions of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Fay Elmer Hoefer married Lillian Itasca Larkin, daughter of Augustus M. Larkin and Lula McGraw Larkin of Hearne, Texas, September 5, 1924. The marriage was performed at Hearne, Texas. Lillian Itasca Larkin Hoefer was born and reared at Hearne, Texas and attended the Hearne public schools.

A son, Fay Elmer Hoefer Jr., was born to Fay Elmer Hoefer and Lillian Itasca Larkin Hoefer, March 19, 1929. Fay Elmer Hoefer Jr. was married to Cathryn Rogala of Ennis, Texas.

Fay Elmer Hoefer is a member of the Association of Railroad Superintendents; a member of the Austin Club of Austin, Texas; the East Texas Chamber of Commerce; the Dallas Chamber of Commerce; the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce; has served as a vice president of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce; a member of the American Legion; a member of the Lakeside Country Club of Ennis, Texas; a member of the Elks Club; a member of the Masonic Bodies; a member of the I. O. O. F.; a member of the Ennis Community Center; a member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas; a member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers; and a member of the Morse Telegraph Club.

Fay Elmer Hoefer has been in continuous railroad service since 1913.

WILLIAM ANDREW LYNN, son of Andrew Asbery Lynn and Mattie Ferguson Lynn, was born September 26, 1892 at Elkton, Tennessee. With his family he moved to Texas and attended the rural schools at Italy, Texas; Canton, Texas; and Stranger, Texas. After finishing his schooling he farmed from 1911 to 1923.

On June 16, 1923 he began his career with the railroad and was employed as a telegraph lineman by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Mexia, Texas. During his career with the railroad he worked as a telegraph lineman at Baldwin, Louisiana; Skidmore, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Marfa, Texas; Yoakum, Texas; Giddings, Texas; Mexia, Texas and Hearne Texas. He retired from active duty with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, November 1, 1957, after completing 34 years of service. He moved to Hearne, Texas to make his home October 1, 1928.

William Andrew Lynn married Ola Lula Davlin Cox, daughter of Hugh Davlin and Susan Ramby Davlin, September 8, 1928. The marriage was performed at Bryan, Texas. Ola Lula Davlin Lynn was born and reared in Robertson County, Texas and moved to Hearne, Texas, June 19, 1928 from Franklin, Texas.

William Andrew Lynn and his wife Ola Lula Davlin Lynn, are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne where she is active in the Womans' Missionary Society. William Andrew Lynn is a former member of the Woodmen of the World; the I.O.O.F. Lodge; and during his railroading days was a member of the American Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

ALVIN FLOYD LAUGHLIN, son of Robert Madenson Laughlin and Dora Jane Sharp Laughlin, was born November 26, 1893 at Eddy in Falls County, Texas. He attended the public schools at Eddy and Chilton, Texas. In 1901, when he was eight years old, his mother died and he made his home with his grandparents. After finishing school he farmed in Falls County. In June 1917 he entered the U. S. Army as a volunteer at Waco, Texas. He received his military training at Camp Bowie near Fort Worth. In July 1918 he was sent to France and served during World War I until April 1919 when he received his discharge. He returned to Chilton and worked for various construction companies in Chilton, Jacksboro, and Burkburnett through 1921. During the years 1922, 1923, and 1924 he farmed and operated a meat market at Chilton, Texas. On March 20, 1925 he began his employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company at Chilton, Texas and worked as a helper, line walker, oiler, and engineer. In 1930 he transferred to Fairfield, Texas where he worked for Humble until August 1933. From August 1933 to March 31, 1941 he worked in Chilton and from April 1, 1941 to July 31, 1950 he worked at Pittsburg, Texas. Later he worked for Humble at Valley Mills, Texas and on November 22, 1950 he moved to Hearne, Texas to continue his employment with the Humble Pipe Line Company as an engineer at the Hearne pump station. He retired from Humble Pipe Line Company, July 1, 1958 after serving 33 years, 3 months, and 10 days with this company.

Alvin Floyd Laughlin married Pearl Fulton, daughter of John Jones Fulton and Isadora Jane Smith Fulton of Chilton, Texas, January 30, 1923. Pearl Fulton Laughlin attended the public schools of Chilton, Texas and later attended business college in Waco. She has been active in the communities she has lived in since her marriage being a member of the Community Study Club of Humble Women; the Reading Club; History Club (Federated); and a member of the First Baptist Church where she is active in the Womens' Missionary Union. She has been a member of the Baptist Sunday School since childhood.

Alvin Floyd Laughlin is a member of the First Baptist Church; the American Legion; the I. O. O. F. Lodge; and in 1933 received from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Mines Certificate of First Aid Training. In 1941 he purchased the Fulton estate property near Chilton, Texas and for a number of years raised horses

and registered Hereford cattle. In 1958 he continues to own this ranch property and maintains an interest in ranching at this location.

Since his retirement on July 1, 1958, Alvin Floyd Laughlin and his wife Pearl Fulton Laughlin, continue to live at their home at 201 Calvert Street in Hearne their adopted home town, and enjoy the cool breeze that comes across Lost Creek near their home.

WILLIAM MORROW BURNEY, son of Patrick Shields Burney and Sallie High Burney, was born at Madison, Georgia, April 28, 1892. His parents were native Georgians and his father was prominent in business and political circles on a local and state level.

He attended the public schools of Madison, Georgia and the Agricultural & Mechanical College in Morgan County, Georgia.

In February 1909 he came to Hearne, Texas to make his home and lived with his brother-in-law and sister, Isaac David Hall and Libbie Burney Hall. His first employment in Hearne was with the electric power plant owned and operated by P. L. Brady and Gerald Fitzgerald. He served this firm as a fireman and engineer. He also worked with the Industrial Cotton Oil Mill and the utilities department of the City of Hearne.

In 1912 he was employed by the H. & T. C. Railroad Company and worked at the Hearne roundhouse of this company. During this same year he became a locomotive fireman and fired on the switch engine of the H. & T. C. Railroad Company in the Hearne yards. He went on the road as a locomotive fireman for this same railroad in 1913 and worked on all divisions. He was promoted to engineer in October 1921 and served in this capacity until his retirement January 30, 1958, closing out 45 years, 11 months, and 24 days of railroad service.

William Morrow Burney enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1919 and received his military training at Camp Travis in San Antonio, Texas. After receiving his discharge from military service he returned to Heane, Texas to continue his employment with the H. & T. C. Railroad.

William Morrow Burney married Ruth Moss, daughter of John H. Moss and Adda Mathews Moss of Hearne, Texas, November 17, 1920. Children of William Morrow Burney and Ruth Moss Burney are Jack R. Burney and William Morrow Burney Jr. Both Jack R. Burney and William Morrow Burney Jr. graduated from Hearne High School where they were star football players on the Hearne Eagles football team. William Morrow Burney Jr. graduated from the University of Texas. He was born December 26, 1926. William Morrow Burney Jr. married Jean Florence of Tyler, Texas. The following children were born to William Morrow Burney Jr. and Jean Florence Burney: William Morrow Burney III, Cynthia Burney, and Carolyn Burney.

William Morrow Burney and Ruth Moss Burney are members of the First Baptist Church of Hearne. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and a member of the Miles Scriviner American Legion Post of Hearne.

JOSEPH SAMUEL STURGIS, JR., son of Joseph Samuel Sturgis and Annie Gibbs Sturgis, was born November 21, 1913 at Crockett, Texas. In 1914 he moved to Trinity, Texas where he attended the public schools and was graduated from Trinity High School with the Class of 1930. After finishing high school in Trinity he attended a business school in Houston, Texas and completed a course in public accounting.

When he was 12 years old he was employed at the Queen Theater in Trinity and after completing his schooling in Houston he returned to Trinity to work at this theater, later becoming manager. He left Trinity in 1935 and moved to Wortham, Texas where he managed the Worth Theater for six months. Later in 1935 he managed the Queen Theater in Longview, Texas. In 1937-38 he managed the Queen Theater in Trinity, Texas and in 1939 he moved to Houston where he worked in grocery stores for a short period of time before becoming a welder for the Reed Roller Bit Company. In 1941 he left this employment and went to work for the Brown Shipbuilding Company. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1943 and served until 1946 during World War II. At the time of his discharge from military service he was a Radioman First Class.

After receiving his discharge from military service he returned to Trinity, Texas where he accepted employment with a livestock auction business as a bookkeeper.

On August 8, 1948, Joseph Samuel Sturgis Jr. moved to Hearne, Texas where he accepted employment with The Hearne Democrat as advertising manager. He continues in this employment in 1958.

Joseph Samuel Sturgis Jr. married Jimmie Smith in Fairfield, Texas, October 11, 1954. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis are communicants of St. Philips Episcopal Church of Hearne; he serves as a member of the Vestry and she is an active member of the Woman's Auxiliary. Jimmie Smith Sturgis is employed as librarian for the city library. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Miles Scriviner American Legon Post of Hearne, and a former member of the Hearne Lions Club.

SAMUEL ROSS WILLIAMS, son of Samuel Preston Williams and Alma Evelyn Pool Williams, was born December 18, 1905 at Epley, Mississippi. He attended school at Hopewell, Mississippi; Oakdale, Louisiana; Georgetown, Louisiana; and Millican, Texas.

In 1918 he moved to Millican, Texas with his parents. His father was an employee of the railroad.

After finishing his schooling, Samuel Ross Williams went to work

with the H. & T. C. Railroad Company as a section laborer in January 1923 at Millican, Texas. On July 23, 1923 he transferred to the Communications Department of this railroad and continue his employment in this department in 1958. He moved to Hearne, Texas, August 8, 1953 as Assistant General Foreman. When Hearne was selected as the logical location for the headquarters of a Communication Supervisor, Samuel Ross Williams assumed this position for his company.

Samuel Ross Williams married Jessie Sylvia Meredith, daughter of Samuel Williams Meredith and Jessie Johnson Meredith of Dickinson, Texas, June 28, 1949. The marriage was performed at Dickinson, Texas. Jessie Sylvia Meredith Williams was born at Chapel Hill, Texas. She attended public school at Galveston, Bryan, and Millican, Texas. Later she attended Sam Houston State College and the University of Texas. She taught in the rural schools of Grimes County, Texas from 1926 to 1928; in the rural schools of Brazos County, Texas in 1928 through 1930; the League City, Texas school from 1931 to 1940; the Dickinson, Texas public school from 1940 to 1953; the Mumford, Texas school from January through May 1955; and has taught in the Hearne public schools since September 1955.

Samuel Ross Williams and Jessie Sylvia Meredith Williams are members of Grace Methodist Church of Hearne. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Masonic Bodies. Jesse Sylvia Meredith Williams is a member of the Hearne Parent-Teacher's Association; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the Texas State Teacher's Association; and a member of the Hearne Shakespeare Club.

JOE J. HALL, son of James J. Hall and Sarah Pyron Hall, was born at Greshamville, Green County, Georgia, August 7, 1870. He came to Texas to make his home in the 1890's and settled at Hearne, Texas. At one time he published a newspaper in Hearne and later became a traveling salesman for various wholesale establishments.

He married Ella Gray, daughter of J. E. Gray and Mamie Gogan Gray, of Hearne, Texas. The following children were born to Joe J. Hall and Ella Gray Hall: Joe J. Hall Jr., Isaac David Hall, and Mary Gray Hall who died in infancy. Joe J. Hall Jr. married Maurine Buttrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Buttrill, of Houston, Texas. The following children were born to Joe J. Hall Jr. and Maurine Buttrill Hall: Judy Hall, Pamela Hall, and James J. Hall. Isaac David Hall married Nan Gilbert of Austin, Texas. The following children were born to Isaac David Hall and Nan Gilbert Hall: Nannene Hall and David Hall.

Joe J. Hall and Ella Gray Hall lived in Hearne for a number of years after their marriage and later moved to Houston, Texas to make their home.

Joe J. Hall died November 10, 1946 and was buried at Hearne, Texas in Norwood Cemetery.

GEORGE DAVID STEWART was born December 9, 1853 and was a pioneer of Hearne, Texas. He owned and operated a farm east of Hearne on the acreage near the East Side Elementary School. For many years he was one of Hearne's most respected and substantial citizens. His cattle brand, 7JK, was one of the most familiar brands in the early days of Hearne. The Stewart farm acreage is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson; Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of George David Stewart.

George David Stewart married Ida Ann Belcher who was born February 19, 1868. The following children were born to George David Stewart and Ida Ann Belcher Stewart: Georgia Stewart, Lutie Stewart Wilson of Tucson, Arizona; Emma Clyde Stewart, Fanny Stewart, Jewel Stewart, Berry Lee Stewart, Leah Paul Stewart, John Stewart, Marvin Stewart, Harper Stewart, and Belcher Stewart. All of the children of George David Stewart and Ida Ann Belcher Stewart attended the public schools of Hearne and graduated from Hearne High School. John Stewart owned and operated the Queen Theater in Hearne for many years during the silent picture days. George David Stewart died November 13, 1929 and Ida Ann Belcher Stewart died June 27, 1947. Both are buried in Norwood Cemetery in Hearne, Texas.

These Are Our People

T. T. Breedlove (1839-1908)	Henry A. Ebert (1849-1885)
J. P. Breedlove (1866-1910)	Amelia C. Ebert (1850-1885)
W. D. Terry (1859-1935)	Robert L. Green (1864-1924)
Lily A. Terry (1861-1936)	Mary M. King (1837-1878)
Robert Aaron Allen (1840-1898)	Albert E. White (1871-1912)
William Crawford Allen (1845-1912)	M. Hitchins (1824-1912)
William Crawford Allen Jr. (1878-1945)	Mary Jane Hitchins (1840-1918)
Mary Boyd Allen (1885-1955)	William Burwell Miers (1861-1938)
John Henry Wilson (1871-1942)	Nettie O. Miers (1871-1912)
Mrs. John H. Wilson (1873-1927)	Elizabeth Gallow (1805-1895)
Robert Marion McCarver (1866-1918)	George M. Williams (1860-1947)
Centennia McCarver (1876-1944)	Annie L. Williams (1856-1954)
John Luke (1866-1944)	William Erwin 1885-1955)
Cornelia Luke (1868-1950)	Oscar Frazier Spring (CSA 1844-1923)
James Henry Jett (1870-1954)	Josie Hammond Spring (1849-1908)
Alice Jennings Jett (1877-1952)	George T. Cratch (1846-1879)
S. R. Alexander (1819-1878)	W. B. White (1857-1895)
O. G. Ebert (1870-1949)	B. F. White (1817-1893)
Miles E. Scrivener	

George K. Welch
 (1845-1933)
 Maggie E. Welch
 (1849-1900)
 Laubzan Morrow
 (1819-1872)
 Charles Jacob Hostrasser
 (1865-1942)
 Carrie Hostrasser
 (1863-1935)
 Joseph S. Montgomery
 (1844-1886)
 Martha Elizabeth Eckerle
 (1833-1906)
 William Reilly
 (1842-1905)
 John J. Reilly
 (1868-1905)
 Robert B. Gregory
 (died 1887)
 Mamie Y. Gregory
 (died 1925)
 Joe J. Hall
 (1870-1946)
 Harry Gray
 (1885-1945)
 W. W. P. Easterwood
 (1862-1940)
 Callie Easterwood
 (1867-1909)
 James P. Ayres
 (1860-1912)
 Lou Adelia Ayres
 (1865-1939)
 Richard D. Ligon
 (1847-1884)
 James R. Covington
 1880-1950)
 William Crenan
 (1840-1924)
 Ellen Kelly Crenan
 (1854-1933)
 William H. Craine
 (1843-1933)
 E. Lugenia Craine
 (1856-1929)

John S. Moore
 (1832-1875)
 Tillman H. Whatley
 (1858-1923)
 Archie Curry
 (1856-1925)
 Delia Curry
 (1861-1926)
 Marguerite Barry
 (1831-1899)
 H. K. Davis
 (1851-1900)
 Annie Busse
 (died 1920)
 George Busse
 (died 1906)
 J. S. Finnie
 (1852-1898)
 Mary Watt Cross
 (1875-1953)
 Jacob E. Cook
 (1837-1897)
 Nimmie Cook
 (1841-1917)
 Lucinda Boswell
 (1811-1876)
 Carrie Jennings Clayton
 (1866-1918)
 John G. Montgomery
 (1845-1877)
 John Lawrence Jennings
 (1837-1877)
 Will C. "Mick" Brashear
 (1886-1925)
 Thomas F. Brashear
 (1858-1900)
 Thomas F. Brashear Jr.
 (1881-1955)
 William R. Purifoy
 (1867-1916)
 Annie Purifoy Green
 (1867-1951)
 Mrs. R. L. Cox
 (1820-1901)
 Henry Lee Lewis
 (1847-1895)

Lillie Serena Bolton Lewis
 (1855-1892)
 Col. Charles Lewis
 (1820-1880)
 Adeline Hearne Lewis
 (1827-1917)
 Samuel New
 (1867-1937)
 John J. New
 (1834-1882)
 John Rodell
 (1879-1932)
 Lottie New Rodell
 (1872-1953)
 Sallie Later
 (1864-1949)
 Charles Later
 (1862-1934)
 Rosine News
 (1832-1918)
 Thornton P. Griffin
 (1867-1947)
 Loula Shaw Griffin
 (1877-1952)
 William A. Snell
 (1865-1918)
 Frances Snell
 (died 1893)
 Gerrit H. Albers
 (1868-1936)
 Mary C. Albers
 (1871-1948)
 Phil Teeling
 (1881-1914)
 William Ran Boswell
 (1883-1948)
 Nelson Prothro Wimberly
 (1870-1923)
 Eva Fowler Wimberly
 (1872-1924)
 Daniel Brady
 (1829-1894)
 Mary Brady
 (1832-1902)
 Peter L. Brady
 (1859-1935)

Jessie L. Brady
 (1866-1933)
 W. S. DeBerry
 (1847-1934)
 Emaline DeBerry
 (1847-1925)
 Max Baron
 (1876-1940)
 James William Waltmon
 (1858-1913)
 Mary D. Waltmon
 (1867-1953)
 Mrs. L. A. Knight
 (1849-1918)
 J. J. McNutt
 (1828-1883)
 G. L. McNutt
 (1861-1879)
 C. W. McNutt
 (1840-1890)
 E. G. McNutt
 (1854-1902)
 F. W. C. Karney
 (1867-1940)
 James W. Smart
 (1828-1893)
 Selina J. Smart
 (1843-1913)
 Elizabeth C. Smith
 (1822-1900)
 William D. Henson
 (1857-1939)
 Betty Dawson
 (1839-1917)
 J. A. Ward
 (1855-1902)
 Julia Anderson
 (1821-1895)
 Albert E. Bishop
 (1847-1883)
 William W. Cosby
 (1843-1905)
 Susan T. Cosby
 (1845-1892)
 Samuel E. Kenner
 (1862-1941)

Fannie B. Kenner
 (1868-1922)
 William H. Boren
 (1847-1908)
 Laura L. Boren
 (1832-1908)
 Bryant Wood
 (1810-1893)
 William Harry Bivin
 (1874-1946)
 Annie Cook Bivin
 (1876-1936)
 John H. Moss
 (1870-1940)
 Adda E. Moss
 (1877-1955)
 George Moss
 (died 1922)
 Robert H. Moss
 (1872-1917)
 Rebecca W. Keith
 (1854-1928)
 Elizabeth R. Welch
 (1831-1924)
 J. A. Welch
 (1865-1899)
 Willie Aubrey McNeel
 (1892-1952)
 Tynus W. McNeel
 (1881-1911)
 William F. Arendale
 (1889-1956)
 Tomas E. Cramer
 Emma J. Cramer
 (1851-1882)
 J. C. Ford
 (died 1893)
 Robert C. Dial
 (died 1896)
 John C. Bland
 (1872-1942)
 Mattie C. Bland
 (1868-1951)
 Sidney A. Carr
 (1814-1883)

B. W. Beckham Sr.
 (1845-1888)
 Allen Carr
 (1807-1861)
 Louis W. Carr
 (1824-1911)
 Titus C. Westbrook
 (1842-1893)
 Sidney Carr Beckham
 (1857-1930)
 A. C. Beckham
 Peter G. Moseley
 (1856-1883)
 Catherine M. Moseley
 (1831-1896)
 Alcesta A. Welch
 (1861-1932)
 Dr. W. A. Smith
 (1848-1926)
 Columbus F. Dickson
 (1854-1895)
 Maston Brack
 (died 1899)
 Della Brack
 (died 1941)
 Janie Larkin
 (1869-1897)
 Nannie B. Morris
 (1856-1892)
 Mrs. E. S. Morris
 (1826-1890)
 Florence P. Offutt
 (1840-1885)
 Dr. G. W. Offutt
 (1848-1887)
 John M. Morrison
 (1836-1880)
 D. O. Doyle
 (1863-1909)
 Mattie S. Reinhardt
 (1855-1944)
 Thomas M. Reinhardt
 (1847-1901)
 Mary Mathews
 (1879-1940)

Mary E. Peel
 (1875-1910)
 Richard Rosser Cole
 (1875-1946)
 Mabel Brady Cole
 (1876-1936)
 Luke M. Taylor
 (1890-1937)
 William G. Moss
 (1874-1913)
 Mae S. Moss
 (1880-1900)
 John G. Lipscomb
 (1855-1899)
 John E. Mathews
 (1887-1911)
 William Arlington Smith
 (1864-1943)
 Mary Whitely Smith
 (1872-1949)
 John Preston Oliver
 (1850-1924)
 Sarah Warlick Oliver
 (1888-1941)
 John E. Gray
 (1857-1902)
 Mamie G. Gray
 (1860-1950)
 James (Dock) Clark
 (1877-1950)
 Jessie Clark
 (1884-1951)
 L. C. Taylor
 (1834-1951)
 Caroline Taylor
 (1856-1923)
 J. E. Rogers
 (1883-1934)
 Norman B. Boswell
 (1892-1950)
 Daniel W. Hughes
 (1849-1895)
 Hettie E. Hughes
 (1859-1936)
 Luther T. Hughes
 (1886-1947)

John W. "Cap Jack" Mathews
 (1858-1943)
 Fannie T. Mathews
 (1854-1922)
 Y. Lipscomb
 (1814-1873)
 Carrie V. Lipscomb
 (1827-1895)
 Dr. Hatch W. Cummings
 (1869-1946)
 Patrick S. Grogan
 George B. Palmos
 James E. Stubbs
 (1859-1950)
 Marella Stubbs
 (1864-1951)
 Julius Brutus Reynolds
 (1864-1944)
 Mary Isa Mathis
 (1894-1943)
 P. A. Aldridge
 (1848-1913)
 Ruth Aldridge
 (1845-1911)
 Mrs. Elar Worthington
 (1882-1908)
 Claude B. Stubbs
 (1888-1949)
 George David Stewart
 (1853-1929)
 Ida Ann Stewart
 (1868-1947)
 Lelia M. Harding
 (1864-1945)
 T. O. McGuire
 (1857-1922)
 John H. White
 (1864-1917)
 Jane S. White
 (1870-1949)
 Sgt. William G. White
 (1891-1953)
 Thomas Albert Cullum
 (1882-1952)
 J. B. Green
 (1831-1904)

Dewitt Waltmon (1896-1930)	Lizzie McLane (1859-1895)
William F. Guenzel (1828-1896)	Judge J. G. Henninger (1844-1898)
James R. Caswell (1832-1884)	Bertha Henninger (1841-1917)
John C. Tullous (1867-1942)	Richard Webster Marshall (1857-1944)
J. W. Johnson (1893-1927)	Valesca S. Marshall (1880-1957)
Sally C. Johnson (1864-1954)	Jacob Steffan (1844-1883)
J. C. Johnson (1860-1913)	Eugenie Steffan (1849-1940)
Tom Ohr (1873-1948)	Brady Nixon Cole (1901-1953)
Frank R. Burts (1890-1943)	Magdalene Kennerly Willingham (1862-1908)
Rev. A. C. Biggs (1846-1917)	Benjamin L. Tanner (1868-1936)
Eliza E. Biggs (1847-1916)	Ellen B. Tanner (1870-1953)
William Charles Bishop (1872-1934)	George L. Jones (1863-1907)
Annie Laurie Bishop (1876-1950)	Mollie E. Jones (1863-1926)
Catherine Bishop (1833-1911)	Clyde J. Jones (1883-1932)
Horace Lee Dillard (1872-1952)	Dock A. Lusk (1881-1948)
Karl F. C. Wenck (1864-1935)	Lillie M. Lusk (1880-1949)
Margreath Wenck (1876-1944)	Ernest E. Slagle (1886-1941)
John H. Reusch (CSA 1845-1907)	Edwin C. Vaughan (1866-1931)
J. L. Glenn (1853-1912)	A. J. Proceller (1844-1910)
Willie Ann Glenn (1849-1935)	Bettie D. Crooks
Martha Schafer Henson (1857-1943)	Sallie Powell Hall
John N. Sailors (1832-1899)	Dr. Thomas E. Powell
Mary Sailors (1856-1895)	Frankie Powell
	Helen Davison
	W. A. Scott (1870-1925)

- Mattie G. Scott
 (1869-1950)
 William L. Haining
 (1858-1913)
 Hallie E. Haining
 (1870-1928)
 Judge John McGrew Evetts
 Richard Lewis Gwaltney
 (1869-1913)
 Elizabeth McGrew Gwaltney
 (1868-1933)
 Emma McGrew Evetts
 (1866-1914)
 John McGrew
 (CSA 1841-1878)
 George Washington Hearne
 (1828-1881)
 Frances C. Hearne
 (1832-1885)
 Matt Horan
 (1862-1937)
 Marvin T. Robertson
 (1895-1953)
 Virginia Robertson
 (1895-1942)
 Mrs. M. E. Evans
 (1839-1891)
 J. T. Bolt
 (1854-1944)
 John A. "Fox" Carson
 Eugene P. "Hog" Evans
 (1882-1942)
 Jessie Mathews Evans
 (1882-1951)
 Jake Shields
 (1879-1935)
 Grover Dotson
 (1893-1950)
 Dr. William M. Boguskie
 (1900-1947)
 Iverson D. Breedlove
 (1871-1944)
 Mary A. Breedlove
 (1872-1949)
 Owen Nester
 (1856-1893)
- Margaret Grice
 (1803-1885)
 Charles Lewis Glass
 (1872-1917)
 Charles Lewis Bolton
 (1798-1874)
 Mary Stroud Bolton
 (1817-1870)
 Fannie Eugenia Glass
 (1849-1889)
 William A. "Uncle Billy" Craig
 (1855-1950)
 Sallie Smart Craig
 (1864-1942)
 David P. Keeling
 (1859-1934)
 Mary F. Keeling
 (1865-1945)
 Ezora McGuire
 (1866-1935)
 Beverley L. Hoover
 (1871-1931)
 Ancil Boswell
 (1885-1956)
 Augusta M. Watts
 (1854-1886)
 William T. Watt
 (1845-1921)
 James Ferguson
 (1810-1886)
 Charles Plattenburg Watt
 (1878-1939)
 Robert McCay
 (1867-1940)
 Amelia R. Smith
 (1850-1922)
 James C. Smith
 (1879-1934)
 William H. Davison
 (1857-1924)
 Alberta W. Brashear
 (1855-1935)
 W. J. Tucker
 (1819-1892)
 J. P. Hinkle
 Oliver G. Gober

Emil Scherbel
 Fannie Scherbel
 Katie E. Taylor
 Chas. L. White
 T. C. Snell
 Mrs. L. A. Knight
 W. M. Bowen
 Frank E. Carradine
 T. W. McNeel Sr. CSA
 Frank Grubs
 Baker F. Larkin
 Peter G. Moseley
 Otto Zubbier
 Jack Abercrombie
 W. A. Snell
 A. D. Council
 B. T. Whitehead
 Jim Skimmerkorn
 Pat Short
 John Markham
 Dr. C. D. Caernal
 Dr. Thomas J. Pugh
 Fannie Reese Pugh
 Dennis O. Doyle
 W. G. Moss
 John G. Lipscomb
 Charles Patsky
 John E. Bishop
 John P. Shoap Sr.
 John P. Shoap Jr.
 W. G. Hatch
 John Robb
 Charles Robb
 (1882-1931)
 J. A. Menefee
 W. A. Gowan
 J. L. Calloway
 Robert A. Carson
 S. H. Montgomery
 Thomas L. Bush
 Jim Brady
 Francisco Brady
 Will Brady
 Thos. M. Reinhardt
 T. A. Hottle
 Mrs. Preston Taylor

Sidney Borroum
 D. D. Wall
 Seth E. Gray
 Mike Pendergas
 George M. Clapp
 Peter R. King
 Fred Echols
 (1873-1943)
 James Thomas Simmons
 (1871-1950)
 Dettie O. Simmons
 (1873-1949)
 Dewitt Talmadge Simmons
 (1893-1950)
 Sarah Wadsworth Wilkerson
 (1847-1912)
 Mary Wynne Wadsworth
 (1841-1919)
 William Wadsworth Wilkerson
 (1901-1953)
 Albert Wadsworth Wilkerson
 (1870-1941)
 Clemmie D. Wilkerson
 (1875-1954)
 Aubrey Wilkerson
 E. W. Jared
 (1872-1916)
 R. T. Weese
 (1885-1928)
 Thelma Weese
 (1898-1916)
 William T. Hanna
 (1856-1920)
 Mary Virginia Hanna
 (1874-1950)
 William S. Hanna
 (1898-1945)
 James S. Kingsley
 (1875-1951)
 Lessie E. Kingsley
 (1878-1944)
 Charles Burts
 (1848-1912)
 J. L. Boatner
 (1838-1917)

Martha Duke Boatner (1848-1915)	Mollie Emaline Lane (1872-1935)
Sallie A. Wilkerson (1873-1952)	John Massey Gatling (1889-1942)
James C. Wilkerson (1868-1920)	Isaac David Hall (1873-1934)
Willard M. Wilkerson (1899-1942)	Libbie Burney Hall (1877-1941)
Robert T. Wood (1851-1913)	Patrick B. Hall (1898-1939)
Eliza Jane Wood (1857-1939)	Magdalene Gardner (1862-1928)
Willis O. Wood (1888-1915)	Chas. W. Gardner (CSA 1842-1924)
Robert H. Whitaker (1872-1936)	Victoria Pierce (1862-1918)
Clifford Whitaker (1905-1941)	Ernest E. Moss (1883-1949)
Otis Glenn Whitaker (1906-1912)	Mae Moss (1891-1932)
Helen Clare Whitaker	Augustus M. Larkin (1860-1937)
Dennis Burts (1851-1917)	Lula E. Larkin (1865-1905)
Mattie Burts (1855-1907)	Martha H. Dotson (1813-1894)
Julia M. Fluker (1854-1898)	John Calvin Waltmon (1884-1944)
Fannie Dale Smith (1861-1938)	Monroe Miller (1886-1945)
T. E. Kinney (1847-1918)	Hazel Wood Miller (1891-1957)
C. L. Dillard (1866-1952)	Ivy Wood Van DeVelde (1894-1922)
Callie E. Dillard (1874-1951)	Charles Glover Wood (1859-1914)
F. G. Dillard (1838-1901)	Aurelia Adkins Wood (1863-1943)
William J. Shelton (1870-1912)	Nettie A. Brown (1885-1907)
Kennard D. Griffin (1887-1900)	James M. Ford (1858-1924)
John A. Griffin (1863-1902)	Martha J. Ford (1868-1922)
John Felton Lane (1872-1942)	Luther Talmadge Self (1890-1935)

Cpl. James P. Self
 (1915-1944)
 Samuel Alexander Montgomery
 (1861-1922)
 S. H. Packer
 (1862-1916)
 Samuel E. Morris
 (1881-1932)
 Emma Hoyt
 (1847-1920)
 Myrtle M. Swann Stubbs
 (1890-1932)
 John Thomas Allen Hamilton
 (1888-1943)
 Ihna Adams Hamilton
 (1891-1938)
 Judge Albert G. Cobb
 (1846-1924)
 Margaret J. Cobb
 (1845-1917)
 John New
 (1884-1931)
 Dr. William H. Kirksey
 (1844-1907)
 Stephen T. Draper
 (1834-1884)
 Andrew Ben Dodson
 (1884-1942)
 Paul Palmos
 (1923-1942)
 Finnis L. Greer
 (1850-1926)
 Alta A. Greer
 (1861-1938)
 George B. Palmos
 (1891-1937)
 John E. Moseley
 (1861-1921)
 Alma E. Moseley
 (1868-1942)
 Estelle Moseley Henry
 (1890-1947)
 James Warren Henry
 (1890-1952)
 George Marvin Sisson
 (1887-1923)

William Jackson Lord
 (1853-1934)
 Nannie Louise Lord
 (1856-1932)
 John Tol Lord
 (1883-1946)
 William Jackson Wallace
 (1856-1935)
 Bell Olivia Wallace
 (1866-1953)
 B. Jap Peeler
 (1888-1953)
 Willie Wallace Peeler
 (1891-1954)
 Milton Ware Burts
 (1883-1931)
 Zada Hines
 (1891-1936)
 George W. Hines
 (1852-1932)
 James H. Hines
 (1883-1942)
 John G. Hines
 (1890-1928)
 Louis P. Hines
 (1878-1930)
 Charles G. Hines
 (1871-1923)
 William Worth Bivin
 (1849-1924)
 Elizabeth C. Bivin
 (1846-1908)
 W. J. Briggs
 (1844-1903)
 Nathan T. Hare
 (1869-1951)
 Mary E. Hare
 (1872-1955)
 James M. Pankey
 (1856-1911)
 Mrs. J. M. Pankey
 (1849-1924)
 J. A. Ross
 (1887-1947)
 Van Hill
 (1857-1921)

Sarah Hill
 (1869-1939)
 Clint A. Bridges
 (1871-1957)
 Virginia M. Murphy
 (1878-1934)
 Hosea Albert Ely
 (1875-1944)
 Emma Tabor Ely
 (1876-1952)
 Arna L. Ely
 (1886-1952)
 William Henry Ely
 (1865-1948)
 Myra Walker Ely
 (1870-1949)
 Charles P. Welch
 (1859-1937)
 J. P. Shafer
 (1817-1877)
 Anna A. Schafer
 (1818-1897)
 David S. Johnson
 C. W. Gardner
 M. C. Brenk
 Otto Becker
 Gertrude Wiggins
 Mrs. L. V. Gillespie
 Miss Freddie Lallier
 Sarah Wynn Smith
 James F. Exum
 Annie Waters
 George H. Dohman
 J. S. Finney
 Ophelia White
 Orpha White
 Joe Montgomery
 Richard Ballinger Sr.
 Nora Welch Williamson
 O. D. Clanton
 M. A. Biggerstaff
 Alfred B. Boyd Sr.
 (1867-1946)
 Lillian Della Boyd
 (1874-1957)
 Myrtle Branum

Marie Bibes Royster
 (1867-1942)
 N. L. Royster
 Henris Bibes
 Marie Bibes
 Dr. Moran
 J. M. Moncreith
 Otis McClurken
 William Arthur Howard
 Albert E. White
 Fanny Quarles Mangum
 Robert A. Gregory
 Dan Howlett
 Ambrose Boles
 Hattie Schmidt
 Tom Sutton
 M. V. Jennings
 R. J. Delhomme
 William Hamilton
 Anthony S. Hamilton
 Lucy R. McLemore
 Nancy A. Newby
 John A. Myers
 Sallie Boswell
 Richard "Uncle Dick" Boswell
 Anne Hardy Knowles
 F. Limper
 Dr. L. M. Bassett
 O. D. Cannon
 Dr. W. S. Bolton
 W. R. Gentry
 Eli Hardcastle
 James L. Hazlett
 Ida M. Murff
 Frank Fooshee
 Georgia Breedlove
 J. H. Riley
 W. F. Ward
 W. B. Lokey
 Sam Hitchcock
 Thomas Greenwood Brown
 Ethel Craine
 Mattie C. Wall
 J. D. "Dink" Adkins
 G. M. Autrey
 Beula Autrey

Sedalia Howard (1888-1941)	Nelleen Miller (1890-1953)
Jessie F. Stovall (1882-1951)	Shirley D. Heyser (1882-1947)
William Edward Jones (1886-1950)	Martha Heyser Beckham (1909-1947)
Emma Frances Jones (1892-1927)	James Robert Harless (1890-1946)
Roland L. Haining (1897-1951)	Lennie Lee Harless (1893-1956)
Thomas W. Williams (1869-1955)	Hiram Armstrong (1880-1950)
John L. Cannon (1879-1949)	Nancy Burns Collier (1895-1949)
John H. Griffin (1867-1953)	Sgt. Harold E. Dixon (1903-1953)
Nancy Ann Griffin (1870-1955)	Houston L. Tidwell Sr. (1901-1956)
George W. Myers (1884-1952)	Carrie R. Tidwell
Addie Myers	Alfred Harvey Willis (1892-1953)
Albert Sowma (1872-1952)	James D. Mitchell (1886-1954)
Walter T. Mounts Sr. (1874-1953)	Byrdie L. Mitchell
Joseph Wallace Miller (1888-1951)	Wiliford F. Tidwell (1904-1954)
Marion H. Vaughn (1885-1950)	Pauline H. Tidwell
Jefferson Davis Allen (1889-1945)	James A. Collins (1912-1953)
Ruth Irle Allen	William D. Blackstone (1880-1952)
Samuel Allen Moore (1871-1949)	Fannie E. Blackstone
Guy Emery (1888-1949)	Amalia Mooney (1908-1952)
Flora M. Emery	William B. Pyland (1874-1931)
Eva Catherine Bonge (1878-1950)	Nora L. Pyland (1877-1934)
C. E. "Coon" Mullinnix (1900-1950)	John Wesley Pyland (1897-1953)
Pearl M. McNeel (1893-1929)	Tennie A. Pyland (1897-1954)
Dr. James A. Smith (1875-1950)	James R. McNair (1874-1956)
Georgia Smith	Kathryn McNair

Herbert Cooper Luster
 (1909-1941)
 Lucien C. Luster
 (1886-1951)
 Rosa B. Luster
 (1889-1945)
 James Gilbert Philen
 (1878-1949)
 Mae Davis Philen
 Alvin B. Cornforth
 (1860-1948)
 Fleet W. Maxwell
 (1883-1948)
 Emma Maxwell
 James W. Reagan
 (1861-1946)
 Sallie McPherson Reagan
 (1863-1955)
 Anson J. Tuggle
 (1887-1948)
 Marion Matkin McNeel
 (1883-1950)
 Gilbert Hackney Blackmon
 (1876-1955)
 Rose Ettie Blackmon
 (1884-1953)
 Robert C. Carson
 Josie M. Carson
 (1885-1955)
 Francis Beatrice Burts
 (1886-1947)
 Clifford W. Burts
 (1898-1957)
 Harvey S. Spiller
 (1890-1953)
 Lena Dixon Spiller
 (1897-1954)
 Harry Lee Henry
 (1902-1953)
 Inez M. Gode
 (1892-1952)
 Matthew V. Carson
 (1883-1956)
 Mary Brady Carson

Mae Washburn Garrett
 (1881-1951)
 Dr. Charles Wilson Duncan
 (1873-1948)
 Robert Richard Theiss
 (1880-1957)
 Julia E. Smith
 (1892-1947)
 Howell P. Moss
 (1900-1953)
 Carrie C. Moss
 (1871-1954)
 H. Nelson Stanfield
 (1884-1956)
 Sylvia Stanfield
 Luther F. Kerns
 (1903-1957)
 Charles A. Stanitsky
 (1890-1957)
 Lloyd A. Huey
 (1907-1957)
 James Cotopoulos
 (1882-1947)
 Scott W. Lallier
 (1889-1945)
 Freddie Lallier
 (1883-1938)
 Dennis Spurrier Davison
 (1848-1923)
 Florence Lallier Davison
 (1858-1923)
 Fred P. Lallier
 (1847-1917)
 Annie E. Lallier
 (1853-1932)
 John Crane Willoughby
 (1917-1956)
 John Cuchia
 Sam Lampasona
 V. T. Court
 Frank Court
 Vito Viviano
 Frank Viviano
 John P. Viviano
 Martin Altimore
 Charley Perrone

John Benedetti
Mike Lampson
Charley Carona
Nick Carmardo

Tony d'Agostino
Tony Trentacost
Charles Ferrara
Jim Cangelosi

OLDTIMERS FROM BLACKJACK

Adam M. Nunley
(1872-1956)
Fannie Nunley
Albert F. Timmons
(1884-1956)
Lita Irene Timmons
Thornton Timmons
(1848-1915)
Laura Timmons
(1860-1926)
Ida Timmons
(1890-1914)
Tommie Timmons
(1879-1905)
Hoyt H. McWilliams
(1887-1922)
J. R. McWilliams
Benjamin Vaughn
(1870-1937)
Jesse C. Banks
(1881-1951)
Maude Banks
(1881-1931)
America Elizabeth Fuller
(1840-1932)
Ira W. Fuller
(1840-1907)
Ophelia Kingsley
(1897-1923)
Will O. Kingsley
Mary F. Mayo
(1901-1929)
J. W. Mayo
(1864-1906)
Minnie Upshaw
(1868-1957)

Harry B. Dotson
(1874-1949)
Sarah A. Dotson
(1880-1952)
Hattie Dotson
(1911-1943)
Mary Ann Banks
(1812-1901)
Childress F. Banks
(1854-1933)
Malinda J. Banks
(1860-1942)
John Ralph Barlett
(1882-1954)
James G. Barlett
(1861-1915)
Cornelia C. Barlett
(1883-1932)
Van A. Adkins
(1901-1931)
Lena A. Williams
(1894-1949)
Robert W. Belcher
(1878-1953)
Mollie Suggs
(1872-1950)
Guy Cummings Hill
(1910-1940)
Sgt. Bennie S. Burts
(1928-1954)
Ben H. Burts
(1890-1929)
PFC Jesse Otis Ford
(1895-1949)
Lena Suggs Ford
(1894-1958)

Cecil P. Pilgreen
 (1909-1935)
 J. Pilgreen
 Elijah H. Broadus
 (1879-1950)
 Emma Broadus
 Calvin Washington Suggs
 (1867-1933)
 J. O. Robertson
 Mary Ellen Robertson
 W. A. Dotson
 (1870-1939)
 Mrs. M. C. Dotson
 (1876-1942)
 Lonny Kirkpatrick
 (1878-1950)
 Zerlena Burts
 (1819-1918)
 Sam V. Burts
 (1862-1939)
 Julia J. Burts
 (1868-1947)

David Wall, CSA
 (Member Killough's Com-
 pany, Wheelock Home Guard)
 Nancy Bell Bryant
 (1874-1896)
 James L. Dotson
 (1835-1886)
 Martha A. Dotson
 (1854-1938)
 Douglas Dotson
 Autence Dotson
 (1892-1955)
 S. F. Skanes
 S. S. Skanes
 Bertha Timmons Moss
 (1899-1925)
 O. M. Bailey
 Aughteney Ofler Bailey
 (1870-1924)
 Herman P. Hill

EARLY MEXICAN CITIZENS OF HEARNE

Serappa Martinez
 Catarino Aguire
 Jesus Barrara
 Pedro Martinez
 Ed Gallagos
 Juan Vargas

Jim Molina
 Jose Sifuentes
 Susan Perez
 Jose Salazar
 Matilda Ruiz

OUR NEGRO FRIENDS

Aunt Martha Presha
 "Big Boy" Adams
 Dicey Anderson
 Maggie Boyd
 Jim Bradford
 Lee Blackshear
 "Aunt Peg" Carter
 Lucinda Cooper

Addie Cosby
 Bush Crawford
 Harvey "Peg" Cooper
 Lottie Cooper
 Elijah Curtis
 Liza Dancey
 "Punch" Dancey
 Nelson Davis

Norman Epperson
 "Sampson" Fields
 Frank Foster
 Ada Golden
 Josh Hearne
 Sandy Jones
 Gabe Jones
 Lewis Jones
 Rich Jackson
 "Toonts" Jackson
 "Ducky" Johnson
 Mose King
 Sam Leopard
 Ada Leopard
 Molly Mills
 "Boney" Miles
 "Eleven" Miles
 Tom Miles
 Austin Miles
 Wiley McGee
 Allen Mack
 Wash Nobles
 "Orange" Norfleet
 "Cooter" Odem
 Aunt Alice Perkins
 Sidney Perkins
 "Uncle Dan" Pipes
 Willis Parker
 Dr. Reid
 Neal Ridley
 Frank Staten
 "Uncle Hiram" Staten
 Rebecca Stewart (teacher)
 Martha Simms
 "Zip" Shaw
 "Carolina" Sledge
 "London" Sledge
 Pierce Sledge
 Lee Thomas
 Cal Thomas
 Professor Taylor
 Bob Tyler
 "Wop" Tyler
 Tommie Tyler
 Mack Wright
 "General" Washington

Mose Westbrook
 "Deafy" Walker
 Archie Wilson
 Phil Williams
 Levi Wilson
 Albert Young (Constable)
 Josie Simmons
 Angelina Bradford
 Margaret McGee
 Henry Stewart
 Sam Stewart
 Jared Riley
 Perry Winters (teacher)
 Dr. Bullard
 John Dixon
 John Battle
 Warner Williams
 "Hawk" Nutall
 Allen Nutall
 Lawrence Nutall
 George Nutall
 Hayward Nutall
 Armisted Bingham
 Frank Miles (baseball player)
 "Clubfoot" Jim Miles
 Si Johnson
 Noah Carter
 Rance Smiley (preacher)
 I. Toliver (preacher)
 "Cager" Miller
 Rachel White
 Til McCowan
 "Babe" Taylor
 Zeb Taylor
 Robert Collins
 Jeff Ricks (school janitor)
 Dan Kirkland (school janitor)
 Zula McCowan
 "Tex" McGlasson
 Carey Brown
 "Pink" Hatton
 "Frenchy" Turner
 Bogue Anderson
 Fred Hawkins
 Joe Patrick
 Frank Patrick

Jim Ed Patrick
 Gabe Whitman
 Bill Heath
 Henry Mickens
 Dan Hodge
 Lucy Arnold
 Arnold Watson
 Rufus Wright
 Wash Sledge
 Will Gamble (yardboy)
 John Fisher (mule-skinner)
 "Sweet" Tyler
 Susie Tyler
 Tom Johnson
 "Billy" Forward
 Hattie Hood (florist)
 Alex Easter (dwarf)
 Antney Hairl (butcher)
 "Man Boy" Powell
 Kossie Pierce
 Leana Jackson
 Ada B. Smith
 Dave Edwards
 Frank Moseley
 (loved white kids)
 Beulah Moseley (Frank's wife)
 Simeon Miller (20 children)
 Spy Craft
 Emma Stephney
 Crawford Washington
 Georgia Price (midwife)
 Bob Hill (shoe-shiner)
 Jim Dixon (livery stable)
 Hamp Johnson
 Verna Jones
 Dr. A. J. Milligan
 Henry Milligan
 Henry Henderson
 Dr. P. R. Johnson
 "Blind" Butler (singer)
 George Kizee (1004? yrs. old)
 Aunt Maria Heath
 Louvenia French (nurse)
 Elijah Foxhall
 Bud Frisby
 Jeff Young

Matkin Forward
 Noble Connor
 Respie Battle
 "Cat" Dixon (ploughman)
 Cliff Phifer
 Son Robertson
 Henry Baker
 Harvey Baker (blacksmith)
 "Uncle" Wiley (deaf-dumb)
 Tom Taylor (school principal)
 Miranda Adams
 Bill Davis (worked at saloon)
 Zack Miles (baseball player)
 Peyton Thomas (shoe-shiner)
 Jim Fleming
 Maggie Mayes
 Bob Mayes
 Caesar Blackshear
 (school named for him)
 Furley Moore
 "Aunt" Ellen Moore
 "Crackshot" Revis (gambler)
 Arthur White
 Jim Boyd (county commissioner)
 Bob Whitman
 Dick Smart
 Jim Williams
 Lewis Webb
 "Cold Patch" Jackson
 "Doodle" Jackson
 "Babe" Adams
 Laura Williams
 "Cap" Walker
 Frank McCracken
 Lewis Beverley
 "Dock" Williams
 Cleve Drayton
 Emma Miles
 Martin Profitt
 Peter Webb
 Matkin Butler
 Will Jones (street sweeper)
 Dave Polk (delivery man)
 Grant Forbes
 "Stud" Baker
 Lit Porter

Frances Verser
"Coaley" Rogers
"Honey Bee"
"Tamp" Shaw
"Dink" Shaw
Rev. E. A. Ayers
Winnie Nutall
Mattie Bell Wiley
Eva Miles
John Dupree

Rev. Aaron Manning
Rev. Silas Murphy
Professor B. C. Murray
Mary Owens
Eva Polk (teacher)
Tom Ricks
Andrew Smith
Andrew Norfleet
Clara Wright
Jack Stewart

NOT THE END

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The present of today will be the past of tomorrow, looked back on through the eyes of history.

If fifty years from now Hearnites wish to look upon a record of their past, we, the recorders trust that our work will be the foundation for the continuation of a story whose end is not yet in sight.

